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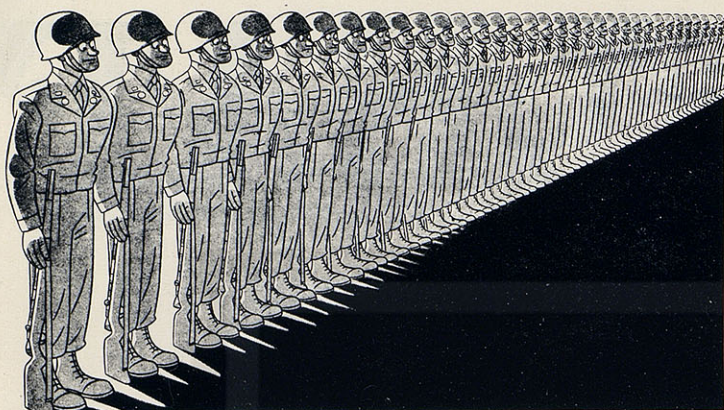
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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN H. CHURCH (Division Headquarters) lived a full life and leaves a noble heritage. His great gifts of heart and mind and soul were ever directed toward his purposes-to serve his country. He was a hard fighter but always a fair adversary. We knew him best when he was too physically ill to carry on the great responsibilities of the early Korean days; when he stepped into the shoes of his good friend, WILLIAM F. DEAN (Division Headquarters). We kept in close touch with him as he left the Division, returned to Fort Benning, and then retired via Hot Springs Army Hospital. His days of much-deserved rest and peace and quiet in Maryland were few. Not many realized that he was lying desperately ill at Walter Reed Hospital when, in November, death came, as it comes to all men. When John Church stepped from among his contemporaries on a new assignment, he left a space which he alone could fill. He will be missed and mourned.



Revolt Against Monotony

What it all means is that there's going to be no masthead in this issue. We'll be back with it in the next issue.

Easy does it!

CLARENCE STANLEY (I-34) is now at 1745 W. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, Calif. Clarence has been doing the Assoc. some favors in his area. Thanks, Clarence. Clarence wants to contact ERNEST COMPTON and LEWIS SANTORE, both of the 34th. Can anyone help him? Can anyone give him the address of LUWAN PERSONE (I-34) whose last known address was Grass Valley, Calif.? We hope someone can help you, Clarence.....

What daya say, Buddy — Let's give it a try!

IT CAN BE DONE. YOU KNOW

EACH member SIGN UP a member

YOSHIO TAMAKI, a returned POW, is now home at 2111 Nine St., Honolulu 45, T.H. He spent a month or so at Tripler Hospital and reports that he has "yet to do the many things I took so long in thinking about doing." We're glad to have you with us, Yoshio.

GREAT ACTIVITY AT CAMP GORDON

There's a lot of leg-work being done these days down at Camp Gordon, thanks to the enthusiasm of the three members pictured below. Reading from left to right, they are Captain David Russell, Post G-1, Captain Bill Byrd, whose business keeps him close to the Augusta area these days (for which we are selfishly grateful), and Brig. Gen. Charles Blanchard, Gordon's C.G. and one-time Artil. Commander of the Division.



We're extremely grateful for the loyalty which this trio, and the many 24th'ers there at Gordon with them, are showing

To name but a few, we include EARL REYNOLDS (Med Bn from 7/48 to 8/50), ANDY HART (Med Bn from 5/50 to 4/51), HERB BONNETTE (Sig Co from 1/51 to 2/52), JOHN COLETTI (34th) and FRANK STILO (Sig Co from 11/48 to 4/51).

The steering committee is well on the way to forming the Camp Gordon chapter.

We wish them every success and hope we can drop in on one of their meetings soon.

Thanks again, men.

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ARE NOW PAYABLE



THE TATTOOED SAILOR

Cheers to BOB CARMODY who has been doing some missionary work for us out Pittsburgh way. Bob is with Haller's Mt. Lebanon Garage Company, at 600 Washington Rd., Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh 28, Pa. They're Ford distributors there.....

bring 'em back

ALIVE

JOE PEYTON (19th) sends us a copy of the 25th Div. Assoc. publication, "Tropic Lightning Flashes" in which they boast of a membership of "over 11,000." Well, what do you know?..... Feel like writing, griping or suggesting? Drop a line to our "In" basket. We'll print your letter and let the chips fall where they may!

THE BREAKS OF THE GAME

CAPT. LINTON J. BUTTREY (19th) has been most cavalier. He recently had the good courtesy to send us in \$6.00 for 2 years of dues plus a membership for 1st Lt. KENNETH E. BYRON (19th) whose address is c/o The Hamlets Montross, Va. Linton is at 5900 California Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Are you out of the Army, Linton?..... In a recent issue, we carried a story about SGT. GERALD WIRTZ, of West Plains, Mo. He mother, Mrs. Wm. J. Wirtz writes us that Gerry had the sad mission of escorting the body of his brother, Wm. J. Wirtz, home from Korea. Young Bill was killed by a mortar on 9-11-52. We regret the news, Mrs. Wirtz. Everyone of our members shares your grief.....

WHY THE RICH GET RICHER

DAVE SMITH (24 QM from 9-50 to 7-51) is now with the ROTC at Cornell U. as an instructor.... LLOYD L. NEFF, JR. (A-24 Med. from 5-45 to 8-46) reports that he recently talked with HOWARD HARTUNG who was in Lloyd's outfit. Howard, like Lloyd, is a pharmacist. Howard had never heard of the Assoc. That's not strange, Howard. We've tried to get in touch with you. How about joining up Howard? He's at Rt. 2, Macon, Mo.....

BY THE DAWN'S UGLY LIGHT

MEL GRIFFITH writes us on some imposing stationery titled "North Atlantic Treaty Organization." We asked where he was in our April issue and Mel obliges by telling us. Mel writes "I am with SHAPE in Paris. The assignment is good. The duty is good. The weather is good. The scenery is beautiful and the Miles. are..... Say have you ever been in Paris?" Mel's address is Signal Division, SHAPE, 8478 AAU, APO 55, c/o PM, N.Y..... VARIAN M. HOOVER (C-34) is still a grocer in Hustontown, Pa. He just visited two of his buddies, DORNS O. HOUSER, of 701 Kirkwood Circle, Camden, S.C. and HUGH HIGHTOWER, of Newport, Tenn. (both of Charlie Co of the 34th) during a recent trip south of the Smith & Wesson line. Dorns is working for the city as a mail carrier and is active in the VFW in Camden. Hugh works in a rayon factory near Newport. Varian reports that wife, Jessie, (You'll remember Jessie at Columbus in '52) and daughter Janet, made the trip with him. Thank you for the very complete report, Varian; sorry we can't use it all..... A recent press release advises that workers in a Soviet plant are kept happy by being periodically sprayed with the scent of rose, pine and lilac. Obviously, in view of the shortage of bath tubs in Russia, this must be a self-defense plant... Give us a break, will you please, and let us know when you change your address.

Tip from Bellboy

SGT. MORTON BROWN, now with Co.L of the 21st on Koje-do, was in the States recently and bumped into SPIKE O'DONNELL on the street in Washington, D.C. Spike spotted the Taro Leaf and they were off. Mort is trying to get back to the 19th, his old outfit but the army red tape seems to have fouled him up. It's too bad a man can't stay with an outfit he loves when he asked for the privilege. They'd never treat a guy that way in the British Army.....

NOW...

Thanx go to LARRY GALVIN, of Lowell, Mass. for helping us to locate AL LAURENT, a recently returned POW. Al is at 45 Barbara St., Lowell, Mass..... Likewise to BOB ANDRE (63F and 724 Ord.) in Chicago. We needed a little missionary work in the Chicago area and Bob was our man 100%. Bob is married and has two children (a boy of 16 and a girl of 11). He's a civilian working on artillery contracts in the Chicago Ordnance District. It looks as though Bob can't get cannons out of his system. Thanx again, Bob.....

Word just in from the Pentagon tells us that Maj. Gen. ALBERT C. SMITH is now Chief of Military History there. We're mighty proud.



SGT. HOWARD G. ADAMS
CORSICANA, TEXAS

As we go to press and insofar as we have been able to determine, it looks as though only one of the POW's who the Reds say do not want to come home is a Taro Leaf. He's Sgt. Howard G. Adams of Corsicana, Tex. We're sorry but we don't know his unit designation.

Mrs. Yvonne Lokken of Beloit, Wis. sends us the sad news that her husband, STANLEY LOKKEN, recently passed away. Stan died leaving his wife and three boys. Mrs. Lokken writes "and he was such a good husband and father". We of the 24th have seen much of death but we never fail to feel its real significance each time it walks close by. Our hearts are heavy, Yvonne Lokken.....

J.B. JONES (19th and Div Hq) has just completed some supersecret work and is now on his way to FECOM. Good luck to you, J.B. He's leaving the wife and daughter at Clemson, S.C. He reports having met DICK SHRUM (24th Med Bn & Div Hq), JACK MATTHEWS (34th & Div Hq) and JOHNNIE GAHR (Sig Co) at Leavenworth recently. He also asks us for General JAMES B. LESTER's latest address and we're unable to oblige as we don't have it ourselves. Does anyone know the General's present whereabouts?

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VIC BACKER (34th) had a busy weekend not so many weeks ago. As has become a custom with him, he took a carload of "Dead End Kids" from NYC's lower east side and drove them up to see an Army football game. While there, Maj. Gen. FRED IRVING (Div Hq-as if you didn't know) insisted on Vic's stopping by the house after the game was over. There Vic met Maj. Gen. BILL DEAN (Div Hq) who was at the Academy for the weekend visiting his son, Bill, a cadet there. The resulting meeting produced this picture where Taro Leafs are very much in evidence. Vic says that had he known beforehand that he was going to get the chance to pose with the generals, he would most certainly have pinned a Taro Leaf patch on his lapel. We're not of the school that believes that this Taro Leaf business can be overdone, however, we do believe that this picture of three gentlemen of the Division is plenty good as is, and we're tickled and proud to be able to use it in this issue.

■ Wealthy people miss one of the greatest thrills in life—paying the last instalment.

■ Ex-government employees in Washington are forming bring-back-the-mess clubs.

■ Double-feature movies have one advantage. You can't walk into the theater in the middle of both of them.



■ Auto bumpers are being redesigned, but shouldn't they be removed from cars altogether and put on pedestrians?



On the Monday following this busy weekend at the Academy, Vic was back in NYC to help the city give its traditional welcome to General and Mrs. Dean. As Vic reports the greeting which 500,000 New Yorkers gave the Deans, it was TERRIFIC.

Shortly thereafter, we ourselves called on Mildred and Bill Dean at Walter Reed Hospital. They both talked enthusiastically about the "ticker tape", their definition of the joyous celebration. We liked the expression so much that we're adding it to our own vocabulary.

It was two very grateful and very happy people that we were privileged to sit with for two and one half hours during that most pleasant evening at Walter Reed. Their minds were filled with memories of the thrilling ride around the streets of lower Manhattan. As the N.Y. Herald Tribune said editorially the next morning, ".....In honoring General Dean yesterday, New York City indirectly paid tribute to the thousands of ordinary American soldiers who were prisoners with him in the Communist camps...." We left the Deans that evening convinced that they too believed that the honors accorded them had been not so much for themselves as for the thousands of men who had shared the pain and torture with Bill Dean.

Bill Dean's earnest effort, from the moment he entered Freedom Village, has been

It means much more
Billed as the "great love story of our time", James A. Michener's new novel "Sayonara" began in the October McCall's. Don't miss it. It's the story of the love of an American and a Japanese girl.... For good reading, try General Kreuger's "From Down Under to Nippon, the Story of Sixth Army in World War II" published by U.S. Army Combat Forces, Washington, D. C. It's a peach.... Generals Woodruff and Irving sent "terrific" letters of congratulations to our prexy, VIC BACKER. We appreciate those kind words, Generals, Sirs! We aren't sure that it's "Sirs" when you address two at one time. Never tried it before. We always had out hands full with one at a time.

to diminish his own heroism and to insist that he is just another "dog-face" who had a bit of bad luck. Such innate honesty endears the Dean family to us, and Vic Backer and we took the liberty of so stating to the Deans.

These wonderful people are among the first to know that there are many other heroes in the ranks who fought and suffered in total obscurity. Their humility, in the face of the heartfelt plaudits of the people of NYC and of the nation, warms the cockles of our heart.

Believe your Ears!

Just as we were getting ready to go to press, CAPT. LOUIS S. STICKNEY, JR. (19th) down at Camp Gordon sent us the good word that the following new members had joined up and we're so happy about it that we feel like a clam at high tide!

J. A. Dunning	831 Katherine Street Augusta, Georgia	21st Infantry
Jack Furman	2565 North View Avenue Augusta, Georgia	21st Infantry
Major William H. Hopson	2622 Raymond Avenue Augusta, Georgia	Division Hqs
Capt William B. Bodine	1736 Kingswood Drive Augusta, Georgia	Signal Co
Capt Harry J Luman	2535 Miles Street Augusta, Georgia	19th Infantry
1/Lt Ella V Moore	2575 Rhodes Drive Richmond Gardens Augusta, Georgia	21st Infantry
1/Lt James L Rogers	G-1 Section, ASU 3441 Camp Gordon, Georgia	Division Hqs
M/Sgt Wendel W Pflasterer	1210 15th Street Augusta, Georgia	21st Infantry
SFC Alzen F. Floyd	Hqs Detachment, ASU 3441 Camp Gordon, Georgia	34th Infantry
SFC Michael Molino	Medical Det., ASU 3441 Camp Gordon, Georgia	34th Infantry
Sgt George S. Dodd	Independent Trailer Camp Augusta, Georgia	19th Infantry

We say "Welcome" to all the gang at Camp Gordon.

False Alarm?

On the day of the announcement by the Pentagon that Maj. Gen. WM. F. DEAN (Div Hq) was to be the next Deputy Commander at Sixth Army in 'Frisco, Hy Gardner, the professional gossip of the N.Y. Herald Tribune was reporting to his "Early Bird Coast to Coast" readers something as follows: "West Pointers have a hunch that Gen. William Dean will be the next superintendent of West Point to succeed Gen. Fred Irving, nearing the end of his three-year assignment"

*Do You
Know About*

LT. GEN. ANTHONY C. McAULIFFE (Div Hq), formerly Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training in the Pentagon, and the fact that he has gone back to Europe to command the Seventh U.S. Army. Best of good wishes to you, General McAuliffe.....

Coming Events

ST. FRANCIS in 'FRISCO

SOMETIME LATE IN

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FULL DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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Work has bunched up on us so that it's impossible to write thank you notes to each of the good members who responded to our call when we asked for help in locating the returned POW's. Among those who came through with the goods were GEORGE COFFROAD, of Dayton, Ohio.... Word comes from ROSS W. PURSIFULL (34th). Ross is with Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Inc., architects in Detroit. It was good to hear from you, Ross.... BILL VERBECK (21st) has changed commands. He's now at UNC, PW Camp 6, APO 94, c/o PM, 'Frisco. Bill reports that he has the 1st En. of the 19th with him there and that Fritz Weber is now CO of the 19th.... BOB WESTERN of Pomona, Calif., a recently returned POW, writes us that he is at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego. They're looking him over for possible T.B. Good Luck, Bob.

*Speech!
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JACK BELLAH (63F) of Palo Alto, has been helping us to locate POWs in his area. Thank you, Jack. And likewise to PENN CLINE in Tulsa, Okla. and HENRY H. DELANO in Abilene, Tex. Henry incidentally is a Sergeant stationed at Ft. Sill.... CHARLIE STERNECKER (Div Hq) who kept us in touch with things at Division for a long time while he was in the TI&E Sect. there has returned home. He's a psychology major at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. Good wishes, Charlie.... ADOLPH MILLER (E-19 from 12-40 to 11-44) is a metal worker in Chicago, is married and has no children. Whatsamatta, Adolph?.... HAROLD C. DUDECK (F-34 from 6-45 to 4-46) has just checked in with this year's dues. Thanx, Hal

PROVED CHAMPIONS...

LLOYD E. HARDWICK (B-34) of Ft. Smith, Ark. a recently returned POW, has just stepped off and married Wanda Dyer of Muldrow, Okla. worlds of good wishes to you, Lloyd and Wanda.... We appreciate the letter from Nadine Bjorkman, wife of BERNIE BJORKMAN (Sv-19) which helped us to locate Lloyd Hardwick. Thank you, Nadine.....

Hide and Seek

There's an interesting bit of information to be found in an exchange of letters between a couple of 19th Infantrymen.

We find it of interest and suggest to the Pentagon officers (we dare not refer to them as "Brass Hats" since General Ridgway of hand grenade fame assumed office as C/S) that herein may lie one explanation as to "What's Wrong With The Army?"

When JOE PEYTON learned that there were men of the regiment in Korea who couldn't sing "The Rock of Chickamauga", he immediately sat down and wrote a letter to Col. PAUL S. SHOEMAKER, the present commander and expressed his surprise.

Paul Shoemaker's reply was a prompt one and right to the point. We have not had his permission to reprint it here but we trust he will not object to our quoting that part of it in which he said:

"I realize it must have come as a great shock to you to learn that there are officers and men in the outfit who do not know and at every opportunity sing the battle cry of 'The Chicks'. The depths to which we have fallen was not apparent until receiving your abject communication.

"About a year ago I joined the outfit and thought it peculiar that no regimental march or song was known or sung. Gen. Dasher assumed command of the Division in November and seemed to recall a 19th Infantry song he had heard in Hawaii. A search of regimental and division files produced nothing and after correspondence to the Adjutant General, Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, and other sources, a copy was obtained early this year. The division band has made recordings and it is now played at every opportunity. The turnover in personnel has been so rapid that few have time to learn the tune much less the lyrics. We are working on it, however, and I view the future with encouragement, feeling that in a short time we will all be singing our alma mater.

"When we returned from Korea they were commonly known as 'The Chicks'. Maybe a battle should have been waged to regain the title but there seemed a general apathy toward a name not suggestive of militant attributes. So somewhere along the line we became the 'Rocks' or 'Rockers'. Sacrilege no doubt, but nevertheless it happened. Actually, I think the new sobriquet is as inspiring and does as much for esprit as the former designation and, in the light of our fine tradition, at least equally appropriate."

Joe, fearful he might have offended Paul, got off a somewhat softened reply that read in part:

"I was proud of its record while a member, and I am more than proud of the record that your fine young men have made during the past few years. In fact, as I read the POW lists each day, I see where more 19th Infantry members are being released, and that proves more than anything else that they were in the battle and did their duty.

"As for the title 'Chicks', I did not realize what you had gone through searching for that title. However, I should have. If I had only stopped to think of what kind of a situation you were in when you took over command last year. That was a serious error on my part. It did leave a funny feeling inside, (and I think you understand my feeling) that the 19th Infantry did not know they were the 'Chicks' or that they had a battle cry as you put it so nicely in your letter. To clear up a point -- whether the 19th Infantry Regiment is known as the 'Rocks' or 'Rockers' or the 'Chicks', I shall always be proud of its record and achievements."

We think there's something significant to be noted here. We think it is a clue to that popular question of the hour, "What's wrong with the Army?"

Unit integrity, unit morale, esprit de corps -- call it what you will -- is lost when there is no effort to preserve the traditions of the past. We were not surprised that that fountainhead of military knowledge, the Pentagon, failed to produce the necessary copy. We consider it a crying shame, and in no small measure an indication as to why the Army is troubled today with problems of morale.

We are also hurt that the Division -- and/or the Regiment didn't see fit to contact the Assoc. when the Pentagon failed. Paul Shoemaker, we would have had 4000 copies of that song in your hands faster than you can say Pyongyang!



More than one of our members will enjoy this reproduction but we have it on good authority that it will especially delight our most favorite member and we accordingly publish it for her. We are thankful that at long last the time has come when these four wonderful people could stand side by side, arm in arm, and pose for us. We are likewise grateful to the New York Daily News for letting us copy this picture. (N.Y. Daily News Photo.)

PARTIES PARTIES!

We have news for you!

Plans are underway for a 24th Division Reunion at the St. Francis in San Francisco.

It is to be held sometime late in February, 1954.

Unfortunately, the mail between California and the east coast is routed by way of Nagasaki so that, as this issue goes to press, we can't give you any more poop on the party than we have given you above.

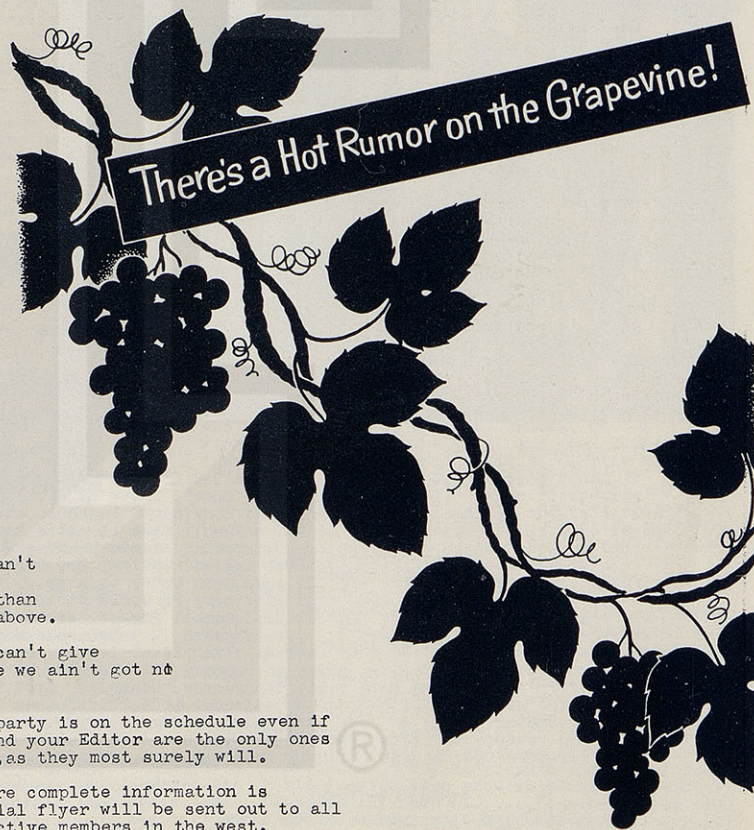
That is to say, we can't give you any news 'cause we ain't got no news.

We do know that a party is on the schedule even if Prexy VIC BACKER and your Editor are the only ones who show up for it, as they most surely will.

Just as soon as more complete information is forthcoming, a special flyer will be sent out to all members and prospective members in the west.

For too many years now, the west coast people have been sadly neglected in this matter of a conclave. '54 is to be THE YEAR for all Taro Leafers on the Pacific side of these 48 states.

So for now, it's more than a promise -- we'll be there. As to when and where and how and why, watch for our flyer which will be dispatched just as soon as the final plans are decided upon.



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(Ed. Note: This is a time of "Stories". We've been exposed to "The Joe Louis Story", "The Godfrey-LaRosa Story", "The Rodgers and Hammerstein Story", et al.

We had even intended, during a fleeting moment to include one of our own in these pages—"The Ken Cramer Story". Lack of space, together with a lack of enthusiasm for trading on the money-making schemes of Hollywood and Broadway, prevents us.

Instead, we reprint herewith somewhat abbreviated versions of some newspaper articles published by various news services concerning the first President of our Association and our one-time Division Commander.

We have drawn no conclusions from these articles. We have our conclusions, you can bet; but our mother didn't have any silly children—we're not printing them here. Those of you who know us know what we think; those of you who don't know us don't care what we think.

We're merely doing what we believe to be our duty: to bring together for your perusal just as many of the Cramer reports as we can get our hands on.

Those of you who served with General Cramer—and to serve with him was to know him—have your own opinions which will not be affected by the considerable adverse publicity to which he has been subjected in the last three years.

We know General Cramer personally. We have no desire to add salt to his wounds by reprinting here what has already been said in the past. It appears, however, that many of our members have missed some or all of the reports which we reproduce here. We thus repeat as we do in an effort to satisfy the demands of those many members who have written in to us for this Taro Leaf report.

We would add only that we prefer to think of Ken Cramer as we KNEW him to be when "the chips were down" in our own Division, rather than as some glib-tongued columnists now paint him to be for the consumption of Mr. and Mrs. America and all the ships at sea. Let's go to press!



At the time of the first intimation of trouble in Maj. Gen. KENNETH F. CRAMER'S Command in Europe, Ruth Montgomery, writing her column "D. C. Wash" in the New York Daily News, wrote as follows:

"A tempest is brewing on Capitol Hill over the courts-martial ordered for 16 officers, including several colonels, by a U. S. Army commander in western Germany who is perennially in hot water.

"President Eisenhower told his press conference today in so many words: Tyranny finally results in a spontaneous revolt. The uprisings behind the Iron Curtain reinforce the western contention that people who have known freedom rate it as the highest of human values.

"Ike was talking about life in Soviet-

controlled Eastern Germany. Congressmen generally applauded his views, but some are asking privately whether the shoe could also fit our own soldiers serving in southern Germany under Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer.

"Cramer, a political general who commanded the 43rd Division until six months ago, seems to have a knack for sending the morale of his men down, not up.

"It plummeted so low at Camp Pickett two years ago that Rep. Al Morano (R-Conn.)

conducted an investigation and reported that morale could never be restored as long as his own constituent, Cramer, commanded the Division.

"The Democrat-controlled 82nd Congress bottled up the controversial report and Morano got no action. Now, however, Republican Chairman Dewey Short (Mo.) has quietly called for the files and for more facts on the situation that has arisen since Cramer assumed command of our forces in southern Germany.

"This is the same Cramer, you may remember, who banned all wives from Camp Pickett—except his own. Food at the camp was in such short supply that the soldiers, after a hard day of training, frequently found only six or eight lima beans and a half inch of tasteless stew in their mess kits.

"Mrs. Cramer, however, was dining at the staff officers' mess.

"On assuming control of the division in 1950, the National Guard general canceled all leaves except 36-hour passes every other weekend. Even the staff officers were permitted to see their families for only a few hours once every two weeks.

"These dependents, forbidden to live at the camp, subsisted in hovel-like hovels in tiny villages as far away as 40 miles from the camp.



Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer

"The National Guardsmen called up for active duty against their will had no place to go for recreation. Restricted by 36-hour passes, they could only stand aimlessly on the street corners of nearby Virginia hamlets. Hundreds of them reported to their New England Congressmen that but for food packages from home, they could not have kept up their strength.

"To reporters who questioned the general about the low spirits of his men, Cramer reportedly snapped: 'We are not concerned with morale here. The only time I worry about esprit de corps is when a soldier gets in the front line.'

"Well-l-l, the Army finally sent to Germany the man whom his soldiers had nicknamed The Beast. In six months, according to some of the officers under his new command, morale in that area has now hit bottom.

"Last week a lieutenant-colonel with 22 years service was court-martialed and dismissed from the Army for adultery. The only witness appearing against him was the German fraulein in the case who first refused to testify, but finally changed her mind after an unhappy night in jail.

"Sixteen other officers, including two colonels, are awaiting courts-martial for allegedly being too cozy with German girls. Cramer's subordinates complain that after his arrival six months ago, he changed the rules to interfere with their private lives.

"Morano's sizzling report on the general's previous command will shortly come up for an

airing before the Armed Services Committee.

"In it, Al charges that Cramer 'consistently acted to reduce the morale of the men, taking undue privileges for himself and his wife, while continually lessening the privileges of the men under his command.'

"He found that the general's actions 'have so embittered his troops that no corrective action is able to overcome the personal animosity they bear toward him.'

"Al suggested the 'immediate replacement of Gen. Cramer as the first step' toward restoring the morale of the 43d Division.

"Instead, Cramer held onto his rank, and when the 43d Division moved to Europe last winter, Cramer headed the command. He then took control of all our troops in south Germany.

"The general, a prosperous coal dealer from Hartford, Conn., who has seen part-time service in the National Guard since 1917, served in both world wars. Between times, he also dabbled in politics and won election four times to the Connecticut State Legislature.

"Reports from Germany indicate that Lt. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, commander in chief of our forces in Europe, is highly displeased with the political general's martinet airs and has asked his removal.

"The Pentagon, at the prompting of Congressmen, has cabled our German theatre for further details."

That was Miss Montgomery's story--- Now here's a verbatim copy of a release which came out of the Office of the Chief of Information in the Pentagon---

SUBJECT: News Stories on Morale in Southern Area Command, Germany.

1. The New York Daily News states:

a. From Nurnberg, June 30: "Sixteen officers today faced courts martial as the U. S. Army Commander in southern Germany pushed a campaign to keep German frauleins out of American Officers' billets and beds. One lieutenant colonel with 22 years service was court martialed last week and dismissed from the Army for adultery. Two other colonels are awaiting trial on morals charges. The Southern Area Commander, Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, has been on the job just six months. In that time, officers complain, he has introduced a lot of rules aimed at interfering with their private lives. Some officers say that morale in the command has reached a point as low as the morals...."

b. From Washington, July 1: "....Reports from Germany indicate that Lt. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, Commander in Chief of our forces in Europe, is highly displeased with the political general's (Gen. Cramer) martinet airs and has asked his removal...."

2. Here are the facts:

a. With the exception of the one lieutenant colonel, no officer or warrant officer in the Southern Area Command has been tried by court martial or received Article 15 punishment for any offense involving personal relationships with German women since General Cramer assumed command in Nov. 1952. There are no charges pending or investigations underway or planned involving any officers or warrant officers for activities of such a nature. The lieutenant colonel was tried by General Court Martial in June, convicted, and sentenced to dismissal and forfeiture of all pay and allowances. The sentence was approved by the Acting Commanding Officer, Southern Area Command, and the record of trial has been forwarded to the Judge Advocate General.... Statistics and all other information indicate that the disciplinary condition of this command is exceptionally good.... There is no information and no outward indications to support the charge that morale in General Cramer's command has reached a very low point.

b. There is no basis whatsoever for the allegation that the Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR, is displeased with Gen. Cramer and has asked his removal. Press charges against Gen. Cramer's conduct in Europe are completely inappropriate and form no basis to question his fitness to remain in command in his present assignment."





Robert C. Ruark, the columnist, had this to say about KEN CRAMER (Div Hq) in his "Rambling With Ruark":

"Munich -- in past years we have heard so much about morale of our armed forces, or the lack of it, that I have made a special effort to pursue an isolated case of officer versus troop, and adopted the recent flurry of hysterical publicity about Maj. Gen. Kenneth Frank Cramer as the guinea pig.

"Kenneth Frank Cramer is a stubby, plump little balding man who wears eyeglasses as well as the Silver Star with three clusters. He is a highly moral man, is Gen. Cramer, a man who neither smokes nor drinks and who, unlike Dr. Kinsey, thinks sex, unsanctified, is more wicked than natural.

"He is a passionate advocate of discipline. He believes in absolute economy of operation, and he is a devout disciple of cutting his government's costs to the absolute minimum. He demands and gets peak performance of work from his troops, and he is the boss man of the headquarters, Southern Area Command, as well as the Munich district of United States Army Forces in Europe.

"On the face of the matter, the worst thing that you can say about Gen. Cramer is that he believes in abstinence, hard work in full measure, and in saving his government some money.

"Yet, Gen. Cramer is largely unloved. He has been recently the subject of a congressional investigation, on charges of morale destruction. He has been the subject, before, of highly derogatory writings in the public prints, and his adequacy to command has been questioned. He recently convened a court-martial of a long-service lieutenant colonel on grounds of immorality, and was reported to have a jugful of other officers, including two colonels, facing similar charges. He is thoroughly disliked by a great many men of his command. But the general has explanations for everything, most of them logical if true, and there can be no measure of truth except the word of an officer presumed to be a general and gentleman.

"We will attempt here to straighten out the Cramer story, in the first personal interview Cramer had granted to the press since Art Noyes of the New York Daily News broke the story of the unusual court-martial of Lt. Col. William Lane of Brooklyn, N.Y. The boss first said no. We made a phone call to Heidelberg. The boss suddenly said yes. The files were thrown open and Cramer was the soul of co-operation.

"I did not see Col. Lane, who was then or the high seas after being dismissed with loss of all pay and allowances of adulterous relations with a German woman named Else Ackermann, for being publicly drunk, for throwing a glass of coca-cola at another German girl, and for 'fondling the breasts of his maidservant against her will.'

"I did not see Miss Ackermann, who had miraculously disappeared, no one knew where, when the trouble hit the fan. What I saw was the court-martial information and the judge advocate's office and most pertinent papers and Gen. Cramer.

"There was a flat denial by Gen. Cramer and his staff that any other officers whatsoever were being held pending courts-martial, despite a charge by Noyes that 16 officers were 'facing' trial. As one man pointed out, 'if the word 'facing' is used, we're all 'facing' courts-martial.'

"It was also pointed out that, as the convening authority of the area, it was Cramer's duty to hold courts-martial for all the service troops under his area command. Col. Lane for instance, was recommended for trial by Brig. Gen. Mason Young of the Nurnberg district.

"He was not under Cramer's direct command, but was merely forwarded on for due process of trial."

"The case that touched off Gen. Cramer's handling of troops had to do with the court-martialing of Lt. Col. William Lane, and his dismissal from the service.

"It might be well to look at the Lane case before getting deeper into the broader picture of what goes on in Munich. Lane, a badly wounded officer from the second World War, and with 12 years of consecutive service as an officer, was attached to a quartermaster regiment in the Grafenwehr district. Like most officers, he came out ahead of his wife, who awaited transportation. Like most men, he found amusement. He evidently found a lot of amusement. He was eventually up on 13 specifications, eight of which were dropped when some of the witnesses recanted before trial. They were:

1. Striking Miss Ackermann.
2. Throwing the contents of a glass at Engeborg Heller.
3. Fondling the breasts of his maid against her will.
- 4, 5 and 6. Having females in the bachelor officers' quarters.
7. Drunk and disorderly in a gasthaus, or tavern.
8. Drunk and disorderly in another gasthaus.
9. Drunk and disorderly in quarters.
10. Drunk and disorderly in the officers' club.
11. Drunk and disorderly in quarters.
12. Drunk and disorderly in officers' club.
13. Having sexual relations with Else Ackermann, "a woman not his wife."

"He was tried on only four of the specifications -- assault on Fraulein Ackermann, sexual relations with Fraulein Ackermann, heaving the contents of the glass at Fraulein Heller, and stroking the maid. The three women testified. Col. Lane did not testify. His counsel spoke for him. His sentence, which was dismissal, with loss of all pay and allowances.

"There are several informal and peculiar aspects of the Lane case. One is that the morals charges seem to have come about as a result of a scrutiny of his drinking habits, which led to an investigation of his personal life. He had been committed to a hospital by his commanding officer, Gen. Young, and at some time was investigated on drinking charges by Maj. J. B. Maylard. The investigation preliminary to the court-martial was conducted by Lt. Col. Robert Wilson, of the military police. Col. Wilson, after investigation, recommended no court-martial. Gen. Young overruled, and the case was forwarded to Cramer's headquarters.

"During the preliminary investigations, witnesses described by the judge advocate as 'rather seedy types' were questioned, statements were made and signed. Later the 'rather seedy types' recanted, in part, claiming that the statements had been signed under duress. None, I am told, ever denied their statements for truth, but merely wished to withdraw them.

"When the actual trial began, last June, Miss Ackermann refused to answer the prosecution's question as to whether she and Col. Lane had been intimate. The burden of the plump blonde's plaint was that if she confessed intimacy even as a witness, she would be open to possible criminal prosecution by the German courts, and to a civil suit for alienation of affection by Mrs. Lane.

"There was a sturdy attempt to change her mind. She wouldn't change it. Under our occupation power she was taken off to jail, where she spent the night. The next day she was brought back to testify and admitted that she and Lane had intermittently been intimate.

"As pertinent to the charges of martinetism on Cramer's part, I asked for and received a breakdown of courts-martial of officers since he assumed command a little better than six months ago. The record showed, under the Cramer command:

"One first lieutenant resigned instead of facing a court, for the sin of sexual relationship with the wife of an enlisted man.

"One first lieutenant tried and convicted for stealing and for tampering with witnesses.

"One first lieutenant resigned in lieu of court-martial for 'wilful disobedience and failure to report for duty.'

"Apart from Lane, outside the actual command, and sent on by other officers:

"One first lieutenant, resigned, for assault, nonsexual.

"One first lieutenant, convicted, for sodomy with minors.

"One captain, resigned, for being derelict in his duties and drunk on duty.

"Among the more unusual aspects of the trial in which Lane was dismissed, and which focused heat on Cramer as a martinet and destroyer of officer morale abroad, was a peculiar bit of business with the conduct of the trial of Else Ackermann, a key witness.

"This was a letter from the office of the chief attorney of HICOG, the High Commission for German Occupation. It was dated 22 May, 1953. It said, in part: 'Pursuant to my authority as acting chief attorney for the United States court of the Allied High Commission for Germany, and as specifically delegated by letter. . . to grant immunity from prosecution, I do hereby....

"(1) On condition that you make full disclosure of complete and pertinent facts and evidence within your knowledge relating to the above mentioned subject (note: 'offenses committed by Lt. Col. William F. Lane, Graf-

enwehr detachment, Nurnberg district, between May, 1952 and October, 1952').

"(2) On condition that you testify truthfully and fully as to the matters within your knowledge on any criminal charge or charges, or actions, that may arise against Lt. Col. Lane from any disclosures made by you,

"....grant you immunity from prosecution in the United States court of the Allied High Commission for Germany in connection with any charge or charges that may arise against you with respect to any offense or offenses which could constitute the basis of charges against you as revealed by your disclosure."

This was nothing more nor less than the polite blackmail which is practiced in all courts, everywhere, to key witnesses.... a promise of leniency for spilling the facts for the prosecution.

"The other thing, which came up in the court when the fair Else first refused to testify, was that she could similarly be tried by HICOG, and would be tried on criminal charges by HICOG, if she didn't spill. She spilled. As a witness she was safe from prosecution -- if she talked. If she didn't talk they could try her as well. She elected not to be tried, after a night in the clink.

"On all counts the trial was entirely legal, according to the JAG office in Munich. There was no intimidation of witnesses. There was no irregularity."

"In my opinion," Gen. Cramer told me, "we convicted a guilty man."

"Cramer is a man with a high sense of moral duty. While ordering a court on one simple assault charge, he refused to authorize a court on another, when an MP shot and killed an American soldier in a bar when the soldier came at him with a chair in a drunken argument.

"I considered the MP was acting in the line of duty," Gen. Cramer told me. "I did not want a court on his record."

"Gen. Cramer also told me that he would try any officer who was seen to be violating the obligations of his commission by appearing publicly drunk, disorderly or flagrantly misbehaving sexually.

"I consider it my duty to myself, my country and the other man," he said.

"One of the main beefs of Cramer's occupation troops is the extra amount of work they must do and a diminution of German help to do the work. The facts are these:

"Just recently Cramer's forces have been stringently reduced, and, to fulfill the old amount of necessary labor with a lessened complement, he says that he rather lumpy reforms have been necessary. There also has been a drastically heavy reduction of German flunky personnel, maids, janitors and the like, which has found no favor with the occupation troops, since more or less menial chores have been returned to Army hands.

"In several interviews I attempted to press beyond these minor beefs, and was unable to dig up any complaints of a more serious nature. True, the sale of chlorophyll chewing gum and mints has gone up in the service stores, because Cramer has a fetish about drinking and the officers who steal a nip during working hours make sure that their breaths are undefiled by booze. But it does not seem to cut down the afterwards martini consumption at the officers' clubs, the bars, the private homes, and the hotels.

"Nor has his extreme moral uncton deeply curtailed the off-hours sport of fraulein chasing among the officers and men. I inspected a couple of venereal disease reports. The figures are Army business, but the average was healthily high, if not frightening. Syphilis was shown to be almost nonexistent, but the gonorrhea figures were quite respectable.

"One must remember that Cramer's favorite pastime is studying for his doctorate in history at the University of Munich, the subject being the emigration of Palatinate colonies to America. Apart from that he hunts and fishes. He also insists that four hours a week must be devoted to drill and marksmanship and other soldierly pursuits unloved by peacetime supply troops. His attitude is that of a Sunday school teacher in charge of a large class. He does not encourage the practice of what he believes to be wrong, and what he believes to be wrong is generally regarded by men overseas as part of the soldier's pay.

"This is not the first time Cramer has had a public brush with a lack of morale in his troops. In June of 1951 he made headlines from Camp Pickett, Va., where his 43d Division was in training. The charge at the time especially in Time Magazine, was that the

men's morale were demoralized. Cramer's wives could be seen there; the general's fighting caisson. Pentagon

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men's morale was being ruined; that they were denied ordinary privileges; that no wives could be quartered on the post, while the general's own wife lived and messed there; that food and equipment was in extremely short supply, and that the divisions fighting spirit was going to hell in a caisson. It soon got to be known in the Pentagon as the "Cry-Baby" division.

"Whether the cries from the babies were justified depends on whether you believe Cramer's first full explanation of what happened in Camp Pickett. He seems to have been believed by his superiors, despite the howl of his men.

"Some of the men under Cramer's command, when queried, told inspectors and reporters that but for food packages from home they would have starved. Their leaves were never longer than 36 hours. Their wives and families were denied the post. They wore helmets and sidearms at all times. And they griped about Cramer. The state of his division made national headlines.

"He has never explained the situation before for public consumption he says. His division was rushed into activation, some 8500 men strong, with the admonition to get ready in a hurry for a top-secret mission. He was saddled with a heavy dollop of raw recruits, some 10,000 to be trained as fast as possible. Cramer, a buck general, was not the commanding officer of Pickett. He claims he never issued the order denying the post to wives and families of his 43d.

"There were not facilities for them," he said. "They were to be trained in a jiffy. We were on practically stand-by orders for overseas combat duty. The commander of the post offered me quarters for me and my wife. I took them. The camp was in no shape to accommodate the rest of the men. I defy anyone to say that I issued orders to keep our dependents off the post. It was not my post. I was merely a guest there.

"As for training them hard and touch. When I was first lieutenant in the first World War, on the Argonne, I fell heir to a relief detachment of raw, green recruits. None of them knew how to competently clean, aim, or fire a rifle. The slaughter was fantastic. Then and there I made up my mind that no man of mine would ever go into combat without as rough an indoctrination in the realities of war as I could give him, especially if it has to be done in a hurry. What I said at Pickett still goes now; I am not concerned with morale unless it's at the front. I was pleased later to have some letters from some of the men I trained at Pickett, written to me from Korea, thanking me for the rugged indoctrination I gave them before my division sent a good portion of its force to the front."

"I asked him about the food shortage at Pickett. He explained that the story came about when some investigators and reporters visited his division on field maneuvers, where the chow was very sketchy.

"Some of the men made the chow muster twice before other men made it once. The man who complained about the eight beans in his mess kit was late for muster and some of the men had been at the ration twice."

"Cramer speaks seriously, as if he thoroughly believes himself. But some say his transfer as boss of the 43d in Germany last year stemmed directly from the flop at Pickett, and that morale under his command in Germany never bettered. I have no way of knowing how to measure acts when discipline becomes tyranny unless the act is out more clearly.

"You could certainly not call Gen. Cramer a soldier's soldier, in the old sense, although his combat record is excellent.

"Cramer, a wealthy Hartford, Conn., coal-dealer, and part-time soldier in the National Guard, has served four terms in the Connecticut Legislature. One of the prime movers in the late assault on his qualifications, Al Morano, is a congressman from Connecticut. Cramer denies that he is a "political general," as charged.

"I was promoted to general in the field," he says, "and my promotion was approved by General Walter Kruger. If I was a 'political general' I would not be here now, after all this fuss."

"Cramer's combat record is excellent. He has won four Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, as well as a lot of crackerjack-box awards. He worked with the National Guard from 1931 to 1940, when he went on active service. He has been chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington. He moved the 43d to Germany in the fall of '51, and was in command of that unit until reassigned as boss of the Southern Area Command. It is said that the

morale in the 43d was not good since the Pickett episode.

"Morale is a very difficult thing to measure. It is seldom very high in behind-lines supply troops, or peacetime service troops, who share no common, unit-molding danger, and who have time on their hands to grumble, grouse, shoot angles and think up grievances. Noncombat commands are generally overheavy with rules and regulations, spit-and-polish, and tiny little frustrations that get lost when men go unshaven and dirty into battle. Such tiny invasions of privilege, such as the curtailment of PX privileges, the removal of soft-drink machines, the shortage of bus service, become a big item in their lives. So does the recent curfew in Munich - which was neither ordered nor relinquished by Cramer, but which was anathema to the troops under his hand -- or the fact that the general's first act on arrival in Munich was to take the hard liquor off the menu at a celebratory banquet for a victorious foot-ball team.

"My sympathy, as an ex-serviceman, is with neither Cramer nor his troops. Fighting men do not have Coca-Cola machines, bus services, PX privileges and whiskified menus to distract them from their dirty business.

"At the same time it is not my idea that armies should be run on a Sunday school appreciation of conduct, since all the military personnel I ever knew chased dames, got drunk, griped at officers, got bent out of line, and generally conducted themselves like soldiers and sailors instead of Little Lord Fauntleroy. Sex they know about; booze they've tasted. They do not make much money, and every man has his immediate master. Whatever niceties of living that can be given them, to alleviate the discipline and dog-dull routine of their noncombat, are part of their due. Nor do I think that any man's sex life is the concern of his boss, unless he misconducts himself so flagrantly as to disgrace himself and his job in a highly public fashion. Infidelity would be no concern of Gen. Cramer's in my opinion.

"In the strictest sense of the word, Cramer is a martinet and a prude. In the strictest sense of the word, as well, he is a conscientious officer with an overdeveloped sense of economy, discipline, and spit-and-polish. There was no smell of the true morale-rottening corruption which afflicted the MTOUSA forces under Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, where the high brass ran a house-party at the expense of the enlisted personnel and the few junior officers who had some work to do. There were outright lies, deceptions, abuses of privileges, cruelties and widespread injustices in that command, which I was able to document at the time.

"In Cramer's all I was able to find were petty restrictions and undue attention to the letter of military deportment, which in my personal opinion is silly -- plus some peculiar businesses with the witnesses in the trial of Col. Lane. Many another commander would either have winked, reprimanded, or not tried him at all, but merely transferred him, since Lane is not the first or last officer -- including some generals -- who ever had an outside girl friend or got loaded.

"If that is to be the general approach to the conduct of officers on peacetime military duty in foreign lands, they may well all shiver in their boots, because a goodly percentage is a cinch to wind up in the brig.



And that's the Ruark story---

We're sorry we can't give you more of the reports; they'll simply have to wait until the next issue. There's much to be said for the defense--and we give it to you in the next issue.

Ricochets

Sgt. JOE R. DOMINICK (21st) has just been discharged from the service for a cardiac ailment. He wants to locate old Division friends. Tell us their names, Joe, that's what we're in business for. Joe is at 435 Linwood St., Brooklyn 8, New York.... SPIKE O'DONNELL (G-21) is covering the south this winter. Spike is no dope, He hits Maine in August and Alabama in January. Spike is rooting for us wherever he goes. Thank you, James.... STAN ZIMMERMAN (63F) a returned POW, is now a Captain and is operating out of P.O. Box 1844, Amarillo, Tex. There's a real hero for you boys of the 63rd. Drop Stan a line when you get a chance.

BEHIND THE SCENES

M/Sgt J.C. BRIDGES (6 TK BN), a returned POW, writes us from his home, Rt. 7, Jackson, Tenn. J. C. says he's staying in.... CHARLIE PAULEY (B-24 Med) did us a good turn in Detroit recently. Thanks Charlie. He's with General Motors there. He says he and wife Virginia read the TL from cover to cover. Charlie wants the address of Capt. ROBERT J. FERGUSON, C.C. of Baker Co., 24th Med. Bn. in '44 and '45. We don't know, Charlie, but someone of our readers will help us out. Drop us a line, dear reader, if you can answer this one on Ferguson.

BLAST OFF!

LES CLARK (19th from '42 to '44) is in the grocery business in Fullerton, Calif.... KEN CATHERMAN (C-34 from 6-45 to 12-45) is a floor sander in Mifflinburg, Pa., is married and has one child.... BOB GERRY (K-21 from 2-44 to 1-46) is in Dorchester, Mass. He recently ran into DANA CHAMBERLIN of North Weymouth, Mass. How about joining the gang, Dana?... Recent Ft. Benning renewals: Maj. Gen. G. STANLEY MELOY, JR., Capt. BILL CALDWELL, Lt. DAN FRENCH and Capt. MEL SCHILLER. Thank you, sirs!.... BILL PRICE (5th RCT from 7-50 to 5-51) is with the A.G. of the 1st Cav. Div.... DICK MILLER (E-34) is in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, for an 18 month hitch working for Middle East Fluor. If anyone wants to contact Dick, address his wife at 06-A Alzona Park, Phoenix, Ariz., and she'll forward it along to wherever he is at the moment. Mrs. Miller recently helped us out in locating some returned POW's. Thank you, Mrs. M....

BIG-AS-LIFE

Our thanx go out to DICK PEIFLY (724th Ord) for many favors in the Allentown, Pa. area in connection with returned POW's there.... ART BOWDITCH (A-5) a former POW now at Bldg. 21-3, USNH, San Diego, wants to locate BOB DULANE of his company. Bob comes from New Hampshire. Art served with Bob for 10 months before he was taken prisoner. We have no line on Bob Dulane here. Does anyone out there know of his whereabouts?... Here's a good book -- "Mother Sir" by Tats Blain. It's published by Appleton Century Crafts. It's the story of a Navy wife in Saseko, between the wars. She lived at Dragon Heights. It is slanted Navy but outside of that it's hilarious.... And if you've got time for one more, try Willard Price's "Journey by Junk", published by John Day. It's the story of Price's leisurely sail through the Inland Sea and describes his stops along the way at Tokushima (11th Field boys, please note), Shiratori, Takamatsu, Uno, Marugame, Hakoura, Nihama, Imabari, Matsuyama, Beppu and Moji. For anyone who served Division in Japan, it's a must.... In the station in Washington the other day, we chanced to meet WALTER RATHBONE (DIV.HQ.), our onetime Div. IG. It sure seemed good to renew the old acquaintance we so enjoyed with Walter in the Philippines.

Lighter Side

We understand that an Arabian woman can get a divorce if her husband doesn't supply her with enough coffee. We've heard of lots of grounds for divorce -- but never coffee grounds.... VIRGIL EASTERDAY out in Chilli-cothe, Ohio, has been doing some very nice favors for us in connection with locating POWs. Thanx, Virgil!.... If you didn't get our November issue, write the Editor and he'll send you a copy. We have a few copies left.... JOE BADARACCO (Div Hq), our '53 Convention Chairman, is still on the ball helping us in his area with odds and ends in connection with these POWs. We're grateful to you, Joe....

AL HOWARD (19th) signed up for his third hitch. He was one of the first POW's to be repatriated. Al said "I had 6 days of civilian life and that was enough." Now he's with the Tennessee Military District in his hometown of Nashville.... We have a few old issues of the Taro Leaf. We'll send them out free of charge (honest!) so long as the supply lasts. Write the Editor....



"Don't shout at me as if I were one of your armies!"

(Ed. Note: Here's a bit more of that Assoc. Directory which we started in our last issue. We'll get all of it out in due time or bust.)

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BIG NEWS!

PAUL E. BELISLE (L-19) of Bristol, Conn. has been tracking down POW's for us in the Connecticut area. We are very grateful to you, Paul..... Ex-Sergeant Christine Jorgensen has competition. In Iran a 16 year old girl - who always wanted to be a soldier is undergoing medical treatment. Then he's going to join the Iranian Army. We've heard of people who lied about their age to get in but we've never heard of anyone going that far.

The "casual" look

Society of the Fifth Division reports a membership of 792. We're right proud of ourselves when we see that..... They tell the story in the 26th Div. Assoc. -- there was a southern youngster in the Division during WWII who went home on leave wearing the "YD" patch on his left shoulder. Questioned by his unreconstructed father as to the meaning of the initials, the lad thought fast and replied "Yeah Dixie."



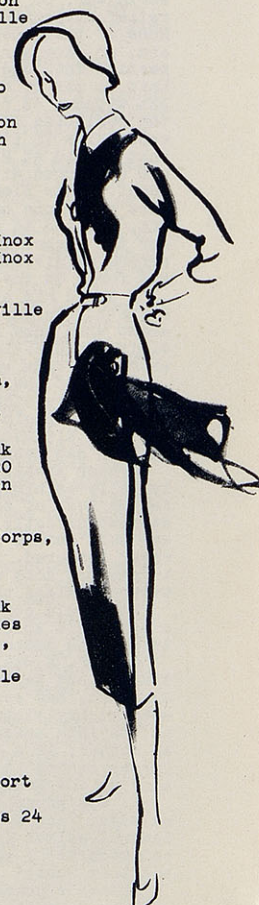
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to LES CLARK out in Fullerton, Cal. who helped us to locate CECIL S. POTTS, recently returned POW. Cecil is trying to get a line on MITCHELL J. HART (24th QM) who died in a POW camp. The two were captured at the same time. Cecil is trying to contact Mitchell's folks. He believes Mitchell was from Chicago. If you can help, will you please drop Cecil a line? He's at 136 W. Ash Ave., Fullerton, Calif.... Royal Mounties up in Canada recently arrested 71 men and 77 women for parading in the nude. Stripped to its bare essentials, the parade was in protest against sending their children to public schools. That's showing 'em!

What's New

.... Three years ago Sgt. BOB MOATS (19th) waved goodbye to a pert Japanese girl and headed for Korea from Beppu. Bob, who hails from Morgantown, W.Va. (and is now an Assoc. member) was a POW for more than 2 years. He could have gone home quickly. Instead he went back to Japan to look for Noriko Hamatsu, the gal who waved. As we go to press, Bob is about to marry her and bring her home to West Virginia. We're with you all the way, Bob.... If your address has changed and we don't know it, please don't keep it a secret any longer.



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We're right proud to present this picture of "the clan" at Camp Gordon. Division "alumni" recently gathered in Theatre #1 there to make plans for the formation of an Association chapter there. We regret that we can't identify everyone in the photo but we are able to spot Brig. Gen. Charlie Blanchard (Div. Arty) and Bill Byrd (21st), numbers 4 and 5 from the left in the rear row. Capt. Dave Russell (19th and 34th) presided and Gen. Blanchard presented the plans. Bill Byrd reported on the St. Louis Convention. Did you tell them everything, Bill? Our best wishes go forward to this enterprising gang of Taro Leafers, and our deepest thanks are extended to General Blanchard for his better than excellent cooperative spirit.

GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

JOE DAVID (G-21 from 8-50 to 12-50) was a POW for nearly 3 years. He writes: "You have to be where I've been for nearly 3 years before you can appreciate these United States, and the swell people back here." Joe wants a roster of 21st men from G Co. of the 21st during 1950. We're sorry, Joe, but we simply don't have such lists. We're letting it be known, however, that you'd like to hear from them.... The problem of answering each letter we receive is getting more and more serious. Forgive us, please, if we answer you by way of these pages. We've only got two arms....

THE PRESENT AND THE PAST

We missed reporting in our last issue the arrival of a little girl in the SPIKE and SANDY O'DONNELL (21st) household on July 3rd. The news arrived just too late to make the issue. Congratulations and best wishes, Spike and Sandy.... We're partial to the story about the man who was obviously looking for sympathy so his friend obliged him with one of those "What's the matter?" questions. "It's terrible," came the reply. "In the morning when I wake up, my wife asks for money. When I come home to lunch, she asks for money. When I get back from work in the evening, she asks for money, and even the last thing at night, she asks for money." His friend, full of pity, was aroused with curiosity and asked him "For goodness' sake, what is your wife doing with all that money?" "I don't know," he replied. "I don't give her any.".... Have you paid your 1953-54 dues yet? The new year began last August, you know.... Our good friend, IVO OTEY (Div.Hq. from 3-46 to 1-47) is now living at 2616 NW 25th St., Oklahoma City. Ivo wrote us weeks ago. Like so many other letters we receive, we simply haven't the time to write the lengthy replies each is deserving of. We trust you good friends will understand and will accept these printed lines in lieu of something more personal. Someday we'll have a little free time to ourselves. Meantime, please know that we're busy.... If you move, let us know about it. It saves money - your money !

The French are shipping 20 lovely concubines to a former Sultan of Morocco, now exiled in Corsica. Seems he complained of being cold. Well, if that's exile, Sultie, move over. We're all for it....

P LAIN TALK

SUMNER WILSON (Div.Hq) who helped to engineer the Division's "Pictorial History" writes us that the foul-up in Tokyo has finally been cleared away. You should have your copy by now if you ordered it. If you didn't order it, why not send \$5 to PIO, c/o Division, today and you'll get it.... Can each of you scare up one new member before Christmas? What a Christmas present that would be for the Assoc !..... When a girl begins calling you by your first name, it's really your last name she's after....

FOR WOMEN ONLY..

FRANK FERGUSON, of RFD #3, Ames, Iowa, is presently with the U. S. Point Four program in Teheran, Iran. Frank is making educational motion picture films there. It sounds like interesting work, Frank.... The Medics say you can knock two years off your life for every inch your waistline exceeds your chest measurement. If this is true, you guys who have been cussing out your old mess sergeant can just relax - and wait....

Success - it hurts!

Someone at St. Louis asked us about the aims of this Assoc. Here are a few:
To forward and promote the general welfare of all persons who served with the Division, and to foster and cultivate the social relations of members.
To publish and circulate to the membership a periodical publication.
To promote an annual national meeting for the former members of the Division.
Do you want any more?



Truth Will Out!

ED PETTY is the new Secretary of the Ft. Benning chapter of the 24th Infantry Division Association. President is Lt. Col. CURTIS COOPER (19th). Vice President is M/Sgt. JAMES B. CECIL (21st). Treasurer is Capt. ROY WILSON (21st). At a meeting in July, they procured two new members: Sgt. ROBERT W. COMPTON (19th) and Sgt. RAY G. CLARK (19th). Ed says their goal is to sign up every Taro Leaflet at Benning. We like that spirit, Ed. What can we do to help you?.... LOUIS D. SMITH (Hq.Co., Div.Hq.) is practicing law in Monroe La. Lou writes that he's plugging the Assoc. everywhere he goes for which we are grateful. We just haven't had the time to write you a more personal letter, Lou; we trust you understand. Good wishes to you anyway.... Changing address? Let BILL SAVELL in on the scoop will you, please?.... "Summer", according to CHARLIE SIEBERT (19th), "is the season when children slam the doors they left open all winter.".... SPIKE O'DONNELL swears he overheard this while passing The White House on his recent Washington trip: "For two people, they certainly burn enough lights"....

Not a shadow of a doubt

The latest word from BILL VERBECK (21st) in Korea brings the news that he spent a recent evening teaching the Chicks their own song. Bill reports that he was disappointed that the 19th boys didn't know their own song (Ed.Note: Bill, when JOE PEYTON heard about it, he cried). At any rate, with the help of his everpresent harmonica, Bill (a Gimlet to the end) is teaching the Chicks "The Rock of Chickamauga." Bill reports also that the 34th is worse off than the 19th for having lost tradition, they having been disbanded and then reformed. Bill adds, "Furthermore, they don't have a Gimlet to set them straight."

Bill winds up his most recent report in his familiar inimitable style saying, "Last week I had 30 Chicks at my club. This week those 30 came back and brought 60-70 others. They asked me for a repeat performance. Just as I went to bed, I imagined I heard Jock saying, 'Thanks, Bill.' " (Ed.Note: And we feel it in our bones, Bill, that Jock was there, quietly in the background, smiling proudly at you and his boys.)

We got a cackle out of Ruth Montgomery's recent column "D.C.Wash" appearing the the New York Daily News wherein she referred to our good friend, KENNETH F. CRAMER as "The Beast".... ED HENRY (Div.Hq.) reports that the dime isn't really worthless. "It still makes a fairly good screwdriver," he says.... When you move, please be sure to notify BILL SAVELL of your new address.

Get In The Swim

HAROLD MILLER (24th Med Bn from 4-51 to 2-52) recently gave us a scolding for some past articles. We took the criticisms to heart (as we do all complaints) and tried to profit thereby. How are we doing now Harold? GEORGE MORRISSEY (34th) is another one who objected to certain copy in the past. We're not attempting to play sides here. When and if it does seem that way, just sing out. We are listening. It at least assures us of one thing: That you're on our beam -- and that's heartening. George has been with the Assoc. since the day it was born and he has some good ideas as to what goes and what doesn't. Stay with us, George.... That is YOUR paper. If your name doesn't appear in it often enough, it's YOUR fault. How about putting aside that modesty and write us about yourself?

Pleasant Voices

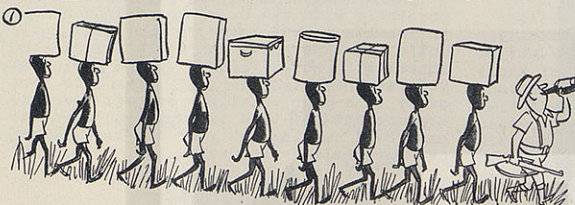
.... HISAO Y. URCIA (Div Hq from 12-44 to 11-47) is a storekeeper at Aiea, "on the --- rock".... JOE PAYNE (E-21 from 8-44 to 12-45) is a salesman for Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Okemah, Okla. Joe is still a single boy.... GEORGE STANLEY (21st) of Belle-rose, N.Y. wants to buy a copy of "Children of Yesterday." Send us \$3.00 and we'll get it for you, George.... Our thanks to AL MILLER (A-21) for scouting in the Columbus, Ohio area for us. Al, you never fail us !... Maj. SUMNER WILSON (Div. Hq.) is now at 1200 26th St., Kearny, N.J.



(Ed. Note: Our phone rang one evening recently and it was Prexy VIC BACKER (34th) calling from NYC. Vic wanted us to publish the names of those who attended the St. Louis affair. We explained that we were already committed to publishing more of our Assoc. Directory. Like a General, he barked "OK, give 'em both". Then's where our military education came in mighty handy. We said "Yes sir", clicked our heels and saluted the telephone. For you, Dear Readers, here's who made the St. Louis clambake.)



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Okay, Victor? The pygmies (Hollandia-type Mla2) gave us a bit of a bad time here. Had it not been so, the page might have looked a little better. Soily.

Pace-setter

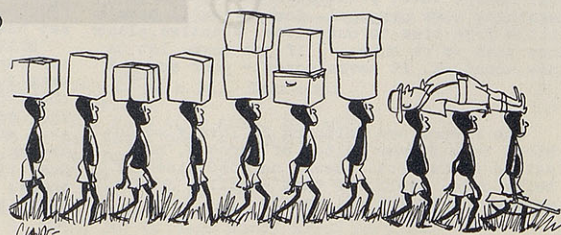
WALTER CUNNINGHAM (Div Hq.) brought with him to St. Louis new words for the old tune, "Far About Cayuga's Waters" which were on the lips of all Chicks who served in the 19th during 1946-50. The words go:

"High above old Beppu City
There's an awful smell
Ask the boys of Chickamauga
For they know it well.
Holy Moses, hold your noses
When you're passing through
You will ne'er forget old Beppu
B-E-P-P-U."

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JIM RUSSELL of Pawtucket, R.I. is commanding the local chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart. Fine going, Jim....If you're in arrears on dues, fellows, please take a minute out and send in your \$3. We're low on gas. Thanks....BOB WILSON (24th Med.Bn.) is with the 2nd Field Hosp. at APO 108, PM, NYC. Another Medic, JOHN F. LEDDY (24th Med.Bn.) is with the 109th Field Hosp. at APO 541, PM, NYC....BERNIE SCHNEIDER (34th from 1/44 to 1/46) is living in Huron, SD with his wife and 2 daughters

ROSCOE CLAXON (724 Ord) writes: "I now own 'Pearl Harbor' along with the local bank. It is 300 acres of that beautiful Kentucky Blue Grass (and first mortgage) land and adjoins our present land, has white house on hill, winding drive, white fenced-in stock barn, 2 tobacco barns, 1 stock barn, 3 ponds (1 big enough to dunk the whole Assoc. in)". Sounds like we ought to have a Convention, not in Lexington as Roscoe periodically begs, but right on the Claxon farm.... If you change your address, notify Sec'y BILL SAV-ELL, will you please?.... Nobody knows the age of discretion because nobody has ever reached it....



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BOB SOLOMON (Infantry Informer) in his last issue have appropriated DO Y

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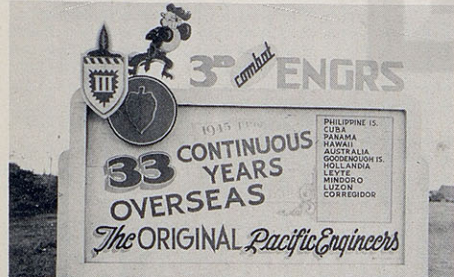
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THOSE DAYS

BOB SOLOMON (34th) editor of "The 34th Infantry Informer" had this nostalgic item in his last issue. We liked it so well, we have appropriated it:

DO YOU REMEMBER??????
OAHU T.H.

Your reporter has recently viewed the movie "From Here to Eternity," and the location of its plot brought back memories. The action took place between Schofield Barracks and Honolulu. Do you remember some of the things about those places? The majority of the action took place in either the 19th or 21st Quadrangle. One of the 19th's or 21st's can tell which one it was. We spent our first Xmas in Hawaii in one of the Quadrangles as its original occupants were at beach positions. The most vivid recollection of our stay there was the Xmas dinner...so-called creamed chicken. It was like A. Godfrey says about Lipton Chicken soup... "the chicken passed through on the way to the other side of the road." After our stay there, we moved to the upper post and took over the area of the 298th Inf. That was our home for the remaining stay on the island excluding the east range area, tent city to train recruits and the many bivouacs we made. We should remember Kole Kole pass where M. Clift had to hike in the movie. Speaking about hikes, do you remember our hike around the island and over the Koolas range. Slippery wasn't it? In the movie, the first scene of Honolulu showed River Street. Need we go further? How about those beach positions? The first ones we took over were at Kukua, right near the air strip. That was a pretty handy spot... then we had to become woodsmen and chop down a lot of trees for fields of fire. At Schofield, we had movies and shows at the Bowl. What I couldn't understand was the professional basketball league whose champion was the Dozers of the 24th Div. After the season of pro ball, they went right into the A.A.U. season. How could anyone be both pro and amateur? That's Hawaii, I guess.



JOHN S. BALDWIN (3rd Eng.) of RFD 1, Front Royal, Va., sends us this reminder of the "BILL BOARD" which the "plumbers and paper-hangers" erected at their camp site on Mindoro. There have been a lot of places added since this picture was taken. John also suggests we contact the engineers listed below, for possible membership; if any of you are close by, give them a call, will you please? (By that time, we've already hit them once and it's time for a follow-up) Incidentally, John, CLAYTON PROTSMAN, of Elida, Ohio, is already a member. Here's John's list:

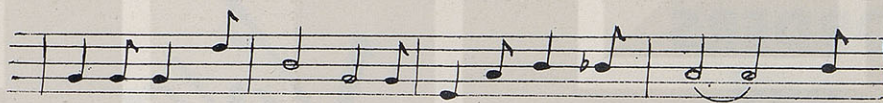
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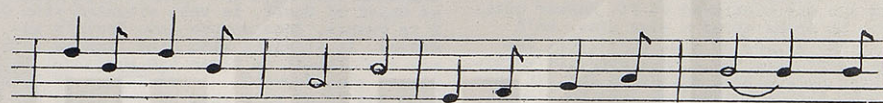
JOE PEYTON (19th) our never-tiring Convention Chairman, has run into a misunderstanding. A widow of one of our deceased comrades has written to him relative to the Honorary Life Memberships referred to in our November issue. Gen. and Mrs. Dean do hold, it is true, the only two such memberships. However, we have a large number of Associate Memberships. These have been extended with our compliments to the widows and parents of deceased 24th's wherever possible. There are approximately 100 of such memberships at the present time. The reason that the number isn't larger is that our records do not reflect a larger number and we have no way of contacting the others. If you know a widow or a parent or an issue of a deceased Taro Leaf, won't you drop the Editor a line that we may invite them into the family.



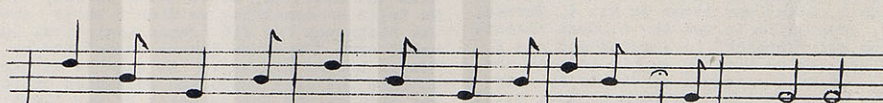
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BRAVER HEARTS CANNOT BE FOUND - EVEN IF YOU TRY -



FOUGHT A VAL-IANT BAT-TLE TO KEEP OUR COUN-TRY FREE OH -
THOSE WHO FOUGHT ON LOSING GROUND WERE NOT A-FRAID TO DIE - SO



HAIL OUR BAT-TERED HE-ROES WE CAN POINT WITH PRIDE THEY
LET US NOT FOR-GET THEM RE-MEM-BER-ING TO PRAY - FOR



EARNED THE NAME THAT BROUGHT THEM FAME THEIR COUR-AGE SORE-LY TRIED,

WARS TO CEASE AND LAST-ING PEACE UN-TIL OUR JUDGE-MENT DAY.

Any mail today?

JOHNNIE THORNBURG (34th) out in Akron, O. is rounding up 24th people in his area for the formation of an Akron, Ohio chapter. More power to you, Johnnie, we need more members like you. ...Columnist Ed Sullivan recently wrote this story about Gen. BILL DEAN (Div Hq) during the "ticker tape" in his honor in NYC: "Dean, husky despite the Commie mistreatment, spots one of his former officers in the crowd, calls him up to the stand, throws his arm around the youngster affectionately, and then slaps him on the back, almost flooring him. Twice again, as Dean pays tribute to the young officer, he slaps him on the back and each time the kid shakes as though Marciano had belted him. "No wonder the Commies couldn't faze the general" whispered a woman with me." That's a story we like. Thank you, Ed Sullivan, for reporting it. We're not all going out to buy Mercury's or Lincoln's because of it, but we like you for telling your readers about it nonetheless.

calls for the finest

DOM MONTTO (34th) has gone into business in Clifton, N.J. operating "The Cozy Brook Inn" at 1025 Main Ave. there. Dom invites you, one and all, to drop in on him there and he promises not to spike the drinks. Good luck to you, Dom.

Mrs. A. Nocella, 804 E. 7th St., Monroe, Mich. is the mother of TOM BLATARIC (21st) who was reported MIA on 2/9/51. Later, he was said to be a POW. Mrs. Nocella is anxious to hear from anyone who can give her any news. We'll do our best to bring you some news, Mrs. Nocella.

Baffled?

We have a real supporter in Vivian Meyer of 1827 Kienlen Ave., Wellston, Mo. Vivian was at our St. Louis gathering and "considered it quite a treat". The treat was ours, Vivian. She reports that she listened to the 19th song as it was sung for 612 times and felt badly that the Division didn't have a song of its own. So distressed was this wonderful lady that she went home and wrote one. We are proud to reproduce it here. We wish that we had 100 Vivian Meyers who were interested on our welfare. Meet us in Washington, Viv, and we'll serenade you with your own music.

A HOLE IN THE CLOUDS

You good people are entitled to a Report from our Treasurer. After all Convention expenses had been paid in Columbus, Ohio in '52, the Assoc. had a balance of \$435.83 in the sock. During the succeeding year (aug. '52 to Aug. '53), we collected a total of \$2760.46 making a total of \$3196.29 in receipts. As to expenses during that same period, we spent as follows:

Secretary's expenses	\$ 199.39
Chaplain's expenses	37.24
Membership Drive expenses	458.83
Taro Leaf expenses	1720.10
President's expenses	165.00
Purchase of decals	78.18
Misc. expenses	149.28

The total of the expenditures during the year was \$2808 leaving us with a balance of \$388.27 as we marched into St. Louis last August.

There is also a balance of \$1543.35 in a savings account which is separate and apart from the above reported operating account.

After all of the St. Louis expenses were cleared away, we had a balance of \$957.34 in the checking account. And that's where we stand today.

Renewal notices on dues for '53-'54 are now in the hands of 1339 delinquent members and when that money comes in *YOU WILL, WONT YOU? we'll have some hay.

Thanks, Bill Savell, for that very nice report.

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RUSS JONES, of RD2, Averill Park, N.Y., wants the address of Warrent Officer BILL LITTLE who was stationed at Ft. McNair until he went to Korea about a year ago. We'd like to get a line on Bill ourselves. Can anyone help? Bill was in Hq. Btry., Div. Arty. Mrs. Murl Gibson writes us for her husband MURL GIBSON (C-19 from 4-43 to 11-45), which, incidentally, is O.K. by us. She writes that Murl is a truck driver for heavy oilfield equipment. They're living in Hoisington, Kansas, and have a son, Kent (age 5) and a daughter Gayla (age 3). The gossip out of Hoisington is that G. W. WIGGINS (1st Sgt., Co C, 19th) who lives on Rt. 4, Eureka, Kans., dropped in to see the Gibsons recently. The old "TopKick" is married and has 2 daughters. We're working on him to join the Assoc. We need a couple of Firsts in this outfit. We appreciate the report, Mrs. G.... Pfc ESTLE L. COOPER, of Winifrede, W. Va., a returned POW, says he was sentenced to a term of hard labor by the Chinks for "trading with the Koreans to get the weed." According to a U.P. release from Freedom Village, Korea, Cooper said, "Most of the guys in our company smoked it." It's not good news but we can believe those poor fellows felt they had to do it, or else.... CHAPLAIN CHRIS J. BERLO, our longtime, faithful Assoc. Chaplain, has left these shores and is not at Post Chapel, APO 958, c/o PM, 'Frisco. In case the Russians aren't looking, that's Ft. Shafter, Oahu. Fr. Berlo asks not to be quoted on it but says he overheard a rumor that the 24th is going back to Oahu. We've been hearing that regularly since 1943, Father.



GERARD BROWN (HM-34) writes us from St. Albans Hospital, that he was the only one of nine captured from HM-34 who survived the internment. Gerard's address is 345 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. He says:
"The whole camp that I was in was composed mainly of Taro Leafers. At one time I was with a group of 738 GI's, of which, about 735 were from the 24th Div. About 460 of those men died from wounds and starvation. Those of us who got our consider ourselves pretty lucky. On Halloween of '50 we started a march of 100 miles and lost a man a mile. We nicknamed the maniac in charge, 'The Tiger.'"
"The men I would like to contact are: FRANCIS MacMANUS, of Bronx, N.Y., 24th Sig. Co., 24th Div.; MAURICE SLANEY, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Sv Co., 34th R, 24th Div. Please let me know if you have any information pertaining to them.

Viva

Word has it that OLIVER E. (for Eversharp) TRECHTER (Div.Hq.) who succeeded TOM DRAKE as Chief of Staff, is well situated with Com Z in France. Does anyone have Trech's address? Is Virginia with him? Anyone with any scuttlebutt on these two wonderful folks, please step forward.... ED ESPLIN (F-19th) gets the fried pork chop as 1st prize for the month. Ed recently wrote us a 10 page letter. The message is complete with the poop on the Division being on its second tour in Korea. The 19th less the 1st Bn. is apparently at the POW Camp just outside of Pusan. Ed was with the 21st Task Force Smith in July '50. He tells us something we didn't know: that the nicknames for JLC (Japan Logistical Command) were "Japanese Lovers Corps" and/or "Japan Lumber Company." As soon as we can confirm the many names and addresses of former Gimlets and Chicks which Ed has given to us, we'll print the dope. Meanwhile, thanks Ed, for your interesting and informative letter.... General ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF is one general who evidences loyalty to the old outfit at every turn. He writes that the "Taro Leaf is about the only real tangible thing we can give the membership." Right you are, General, that's why we're getting grey hairs trying to make it worthwhile.... Most wives lead double lives -- their husbands and their own.

Sh-h-h! I want to hear all they're saying about

If you haven't already done so, why not send \$5 to Division PIO, APO 24, c/o PM, 'Frisco, and get your copy of the History of the Division in Korea. We have our copy and it's a Beauty! It's the finest Division History we have ever seen. That we mean!! If you move, don't keep it a secret. Maybe you won't tell the landlord, but for God's sake, please tell us.

Finest

WANTED! NEWS ITEMS! Put them on a post card or in a letter and send them to the Editor. If it's of interest to you, it'll interest your buddies.... Thanx BILL BYRD (21st) for helping us locate some of those POW's to whom we are giving memberships.... We're proud to report that Brig. Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN (34th & Div.Hq.) has been named deputy post commander at Benning. "Red" was formerly asst. commander of the 82 A/B Div. at Bragg. Of all the men who ever wore the Taro Leaf, he is one of the most respected and most loved. As for sheer guts, they didn't make them any braver. We salute you, Red....

Follow the leaders...

An article in "The Combat Forces Journal" in a recent frank criticism expressed more cogently and more pointedly than anything coming out of the Pentagon the reasons for the low or indifferent state of Army morale, discipline and incentive. It was a "beaut."

It said: "The one thing that is making the service unattractive is never mentioned. That is the lack of a sense of accomplishment a soldier can get from doing his duty. There used to be a great sense of pride in the service, pride in doing a job well, pride in being a part of an efficient and effective machine."

"Much if not all of the pride developed from a feeling of being identified with something. We served with particular units... we had 'a home'.... You felt alive and you knew you were going places with a going concern."

"Today, the entire picture is changed. Here today and gone tomorrow.... Punch a button, out fall the cords, send them all to hell and gone.... Everyone in the Army now is a number in an I.B.M. machine." That we like !!

IT'S OFFICIAL



Hats off to LeROY DOWNS who found SGT. BOB KEMP for us. Bob is a recently returned POW living in LeRoy's home city of Davenport, Iowa.

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Editorial

It'll be short, so don't worry.

Wondering where we've been and why we skipped November and December and February and March?

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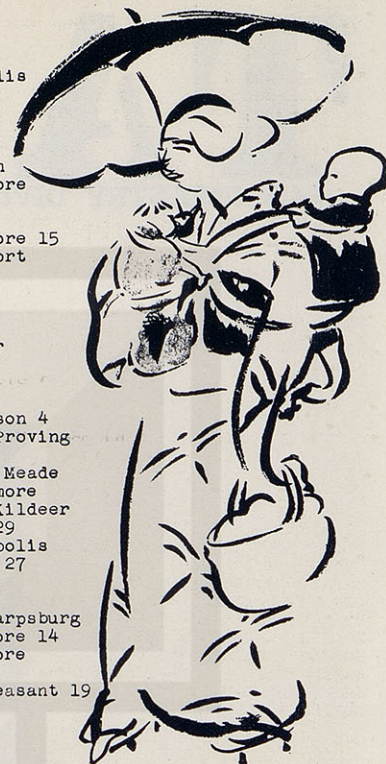
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The magic whispers...

In case you missed any of the chapters of BILL DEAN's story, "My Three Years as a Dead Man" as they appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, you can catch the entire story when it appears in book form in May. The Viking Press is publishing it. Each one of us should have a copy of it on his shelves.....FRED SHINKLE (D-21) took ten over at the steel mill the other day to hit us five times as a member of the "Loyal 100". Doc GEORGE MORRISSEY (34th) also hit the line. We're grateful to them and to the many others who answered the call. We're not mentioning each one by name; after all, we promised that we wouldn't..... By the by, here's an interesting piece of news: it costs us over \$100 to mail out each issue of the Taro Leaf.Sue McNeely, widow of JOHN C. McNEELY (C-19th) who gave his life on Red Beach, Leyte on 10-20-44, has written us that she has started a memorial honoring Maj. Gen. KENNETH F. CRAMER (Div Hq). Tell us more, Sue. This sounds just like you.....MARVIN DAGGETT (52 F) of the "Loyal 100" bemoans the fact that there was no one from the 52nd Field at the St. Louis party last August. We're expecting you to get away from Remington Rand long enough next August to correct that situation at Washington, D.C., Marvin.



Do you remember this one? Gimlets crossing the Kumho River on Sept. 18, 1950. U.S. Army photo.

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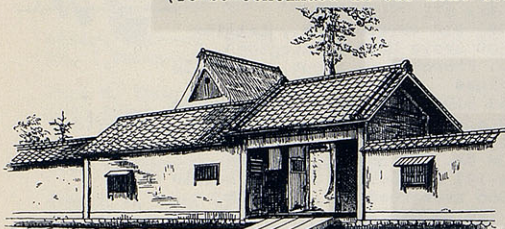
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(To be continued in our next issue)



We're throwing this one in to make some of you chaps "homesick". Those of you who will so react need not be reminded that this is a typical entrance way to a typical home in Japan. Mamasan has just stepped inside to put the ocha on.

NOTICE !!!!! To the hundreds who remembered us with Christmas cards, our humble thanks. Please don't look for individual replies. Of getting one, you've got about as much chance as a puppy dog with tallow legs chasing an asbestos cat through Hell. Don't fight it. This job is bigger than the both of us.

Please note, WALTER DELPH ! Walt is in Clifton, S.C. and writes the Editor, "If you were with Co. G of the 21st Inf., write me." We don't know whether this is a friendly note or this is the end of a trail on the part of Walter Delph who has been looking for lo, these many years for a guy by the name of Ross who served with him in G of the 21st. For the record, Walt, we never had the pleasure of being assigned to George Company. In fact, we were never a "Gimlet." Our 3-year tour in the Division was in Division Hq. We liked to keep close to the "Old Man", Walt.....

Question and Answer Department (we do our best Division): Q. My brother was in the Army 3 years and has just been put in a mental hospital. Is he entitled to compensation? A. If your brother developed a psychosis within two years after his discharge, the ailment is automatically ruled service-connected and he is entitled to compensation and admission to a VA hospital. If the trouble developed more than two years later, he can apply for compensation or a pension.

Over ETO way, Col. MAX CIZON (Div.Hq.) is lining up new members for us. He just recruited Lt. WENDELL LONG (Hq. 11F from 8-48 to 4-51) and Pfc. LYNN DUCKWORTH (13F from 6-49 to 6-51). We are happy that we're growing and we're doubly happy that good people like Max are helping to make it so.

It's the STATLER in Washington, D.C.
August 13th & 14th



Why not pass this copy on to a friend who does not know about us? Do that and then write and tell us about it and we'll send you a replacement copy with our compliments. The desideratum (how do you like that one?) is to get this Taro Leaf around. Write the Editor today and get your replacement copy.

RALPH SHAMSHOIAN (34th) out in Fresno, Calif., is one of our most active officers. He has just enlisted HARRY BELLOW (Div.Hq. from 10-42 to 12-45) RUBEN SAROYAN (19th) and WILBUR BALCH (Div.Hq.), all from Fresno..... Women are like newspapers; they all have forms, they always have the last word, they have great influence, you can't believe everything they say, they're thinner than they used to be, they get along by advertising, and every man should have of his own and not try to borrow his neighbor's.

Perhaps we didn't read it correctly, but we thought the recent press release out of the Pentagon read as follows: "Army generals, after months of indecision over a new uniform for soldiers, decided today to ask GI Joe what he would like to wear. It said a 'uniform preference survey' would be conducted this month among officers and enlisted men throughout the world."

Well, what do you know? We have but one suggestion, in case any general is listening: Eliminate the colored scarf as T/O & E for the American Army soldier.

Many new members are joining our outpost at Benning including Capt. DALE W. ROBY (Div.Hq.), Sgt. BILL FISHBURN, Cpl. TOM FOREMAN (24 MP), Capt. JIM SMITH (19th) and Sgt. DAN DONAHUE (19th)..... A friendly little girl in Detroit, now entangled with the law because she's had five husbands and only three divorces, says, "I still like men." Obviously !!!!!

A new 50-bed hospital soon will be built for the poor in Sendai, Japan, with funds donated by Francis Cardinal Spellman and American servicemen. Rev. (Lt.) Timothy J. Carmody, Chaplain of the Division, announced. Cardinal Spellman donated \$25,000 to the building fund to match \$25,000 collected by Army chaplains from service personnel in Japan and Korea. Last year Cardinal Spellman told Army chaplains he would match dollar for dollar the money they collected in a year up to \$25,000.

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Do you remember Aug. 28, 1950? Capt. John R. Burns, Minneapolis, Minn., Sgt. Frank Walters, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Cpl. Murrel R. Childers, Hialeah, Fla. out to set up an OP north of Kyongju.

We like the Jonathan Wainwright story which the General told about himself. The Japanese were leading him away from Corregidor following the surrender and they marched him through a corral of his captured men. As he moved slowly through them, a soldier impulsively put his arm around his shoulder and whispered: "Don't worry, General, you did the best you could." The General considered it one of the greatest tributes of his long and colorful career..... A fashion model in Washington, D.C., recently demonstrated a new swim suit with a sponge rubber lining that keeps the wearer afloat. A woman shopper, asking the purpose of the rubber lining, got this reply: "Confidentially, she sinks."

HARRY BELLOW (SV-63) of Fresno, Calif. is racing and recently won the state hardtop championship at Clovis..... We're happy to welcome WILBUR BALCH (Div.Hq.) into the club. We recall Wil when he was helping them run the IG office back in Kokura. Wilbur runs a drive-in in Fresno right next door to RALPH SHAMSHOIAN'S (34th) clothing store. Things are popping in Fresno when it comes to the Taro Leaf.... As one can of paint said to the other can: "Darling, I think I'm pigment."

Those who remember the Okayama days around Div.Hq. (Feb-June 1946) will probably recall Capt. Ronald Filshie of the BR-R-R-R-R-I-T-I-S-H-H-H-H Army who moved in and out amongst us as his colleagues prepared to move in as we moved out. Ronnie was an especially friendly one among the many friendly fellows of BRINDIV. We have at last found him living back in England and have struck up a very fine correspondence with him. We're asking him to write something for our next issue including information, if he can give it, as to the present whereabouts of some of those wonderful Queens Own Cameron Highlanders who "fired" their way into the hearts of some of us just about eight years ago this time.

Rumor has it that "KP" is on the way out as a way-of-life for Air Force personnel. To make the service more attractive, the AF is considering hiring civilian caterers to serve and clean up after meals at air bases. Well, what do you know!

Kudo's to Doc AL BRADEN (34th) for helping us locate Sgt. ED VOLLERS (L-19). Ed, a returned POW, can be found at 7129 Moline, Houston, Tex..... From time to time, we get word relayed to us that someone's name has been spelled wrong. No one likes to think he's an unknown and we're trying to avoid these little errors. But errors do happen; they still put rubber mats under spittons. We'll try our best, but please help.



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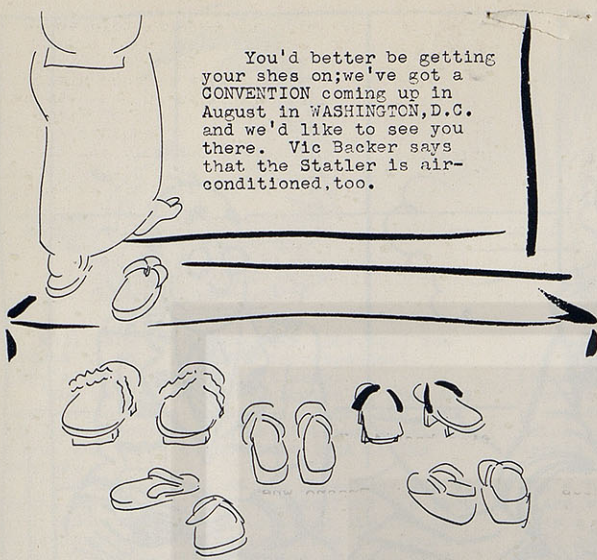
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CONVENTION coming up in
August in WASHINGTON,D.C.
and we'd like to see you
there. Vic Backer says
that the Statler is air-
conditioned,too.

Close proximity to Connecticut and
Rhode Island has enabled us to quiz hundreds
of uniformed men and officers who served at
one time or another in the 43rd Division under
Maj. Gen. Kenneth Cramer's command. In a
matter of months,we have run across dozens and
dozens of men-from privates to generals-who
knew the "Old Man" and worked with him and
for him during the days he was "under fire"
in Virginia and in Germany. We have yet to
meet a man who wouldn't defend him,who
wouldn't argue that the whole affair was
much overplayed by the press.

He had come to be identified as an
austere and unflinching disciplinarian with
an extraordinary sense of duty,obligation
and responsibility. Was there so very much
wrong with that? Thanks to a press that had
found in him a whipping boy,he was,in the
eyes of millions who did not know him,a man
single-minded of purpose,devoid of a sense
of justice,hated by his troops

It was never quite possible for us to
reconcile the bad press of our much loved
friend-a longtime Deputy Division Commander
under two of our Generals and in due time
himself the Commanding General of our own
Division. The facts as we had known them
and the more recent reports on the man as they
filtered in to us through the press never
seemed to jibe.

Our issue had gone to press when the
tragic news of his passing reached us. We
had devoted two entire pages to the remainder
of "The Ken Cramer Story" in what appeared
to us to be a complete vindication of the
man.

We will not do the malicious gossips
the honor of rebutting their reports,now
that Ken Cramer has passed on.

In death,all wounds are healed,all
bitterness forgotten.

We have lost a very dear friend,a good
and kind man,with whom we worked and who
worked with us,side by side,when the going
was most rough. It was the memory of those
hours in the 24th that must have given rise
to the much misunderstood orders which
emanated from the 43rd's CP and aroused an
excited and irritable populace.

As his enemies pricked him with needles,
we stood helplessly by and watched the
painful operation. We,with a bit of that
thing called experience,understood;others
did not. We who knew the Hell of War knew
that Kenneth Fox Cramer was right;others
did not

It has been written that "The only
lesson that man seems to be able to learn
from the lessons of history is that man is
not able to learn anything from the lessons
of history"

Those words had special meaning for the
much misunderstood Ken Cramer. He added them
in a longhand postscript of a letter which
he wrote to us just a week before he died.

MOVING ?

If you are changing your location-
and many of us do from time to time-
please drop Secretary Bill Savell a postal
telling him of your new address so that
we can correct our files and keep in
contact with you. THANKS !



MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH FOX CRAMER

1895-1954

As it comes to all men,death has come to
KENNETH FOX CRAMER (Div Hq). May he rest
in peace. Never before have these words
had the meaning which they have taken in the
few hours since the news of his passing
reached us. We know of no other military
man who has taken the beating at the hands
of the American press that Ken Cramer has
taken since he moved his 43rd Division into
Camp Pickett during that summer of the great
slaughter-1950. Now that he has passed on,
we pray that the dogs will leave him alone.
If need be,we have every assurance that in
a matter of weeks-perhaps days-another
whipping-boy can be found. As for Ken
Cramer,we think he has endured more than his
share. We repeat,as it bears repeating,MAY
HE REST IN PEACE.

Now!

Mary & BILL MULDOON (19th)
announce the arrival of Patricia
Ann last Oct. 30th. Nice going,
Mary.....If you move or change
address,tell BILL SAVELL,will you
please?.....The poop is that the
Division is replacing the 45th
in the forward positions in dear
old Korea. It seems as though
we've seen this act before.....
Another hob rumor has it that
they're going to change the name
of the old outfit. When they do,
we march to the White House en
masse.....Who knows where Lt.
RALPH BALESTRIERI (13th F) went
when he left Chaffee? His mail
is coming back to us....GIL
DENSON (24th QM from '43 to '46)
would like to hear from any of
his old friends;he's at 7726
Wedgewood,Houston. It takes a
letter to get a letter,Gil;we'll
plug it anyway. It's been our
experience,however,that it does
little good to tell someone else
to write you. If you want to
hear from him,write him first...
It's Brig. Gen. HUGH CORT (Div
Arty & Div Hq) once again and
we're right proud and happy. It
never seemed quite right when
he stepped down before and we're
glad to see those stars back up
there,General Cort.....By the
time this is read,BILL VERBECK
(21st) will be back in the 48's
once more. Welcome home,Bill. It's
2320 North Florida St.,Arlington,
Va. in case any one wants to
contact him. Bill has been doing
us a great service over there....
Cpl. DONALD K.LEGAY,one of the
first POW's to be returned from
N.Korea was recently married to
Miss Constance M. Martin of
Fitchburg,Mass. Congratulations,
kids.....We hope to see you in
Washington,D.C. come next Aug.....



Footprints

THE CHAPLAIN's CORNER is back again,
we are pleased to report. When Assoc.
Chaplain CHRIS BERLO (19th) made the
jump from Fitzsimmons to Shafter,things
became a little confused-you know how it
can become in the Army-with the unfor-
tunate result that we missed his cheery
and thought-provoking words for a couple
of issues. But now the watches are
synchronised,so let's move out men and
see what the Padre has got to say.

WHOLESONE THINKING

Words and deeds, in conscious and sane human beings,
are the direct result of thoughts and ideas. Deeds are
nothing else but the putting into execution, the trans-
lating into action, of what has first taken place in the
mind. It is therefore impossible to overestimate the im-
portance of our thinking. Every great human achievement;
impressive works of art or science or engineering; reli-
gious, social or political accomplishments; also outstand-
ing examples of crime and evil-doing; even conflict on an
international scale known as war - all these things are
the realization of ideas conceived in the mind of man long
before any attempt was made to translate them into action.

It is therefore definitely worth our while to give
attention to the matter of our thinking. The realization
of this important fact has given birth in our times to
what is called the art or science of propaganda. All
nations, especially the totalitarian states, are aware
of the importance of the thinking of their people and
therefore they make sometimes very extensive attempts
to mold that thinking according to their own wishes.
When this attempt goes beyond the limits of right reason
it is known as thought control and is almost always un-
successful when it has for its object the cultivation of
irrational or immoral thinking. The object of the human
mind is truth and every attempt to inculcate ideas at
variance with the truth is contrary to nature and therefore
doomed to ultimate failure.

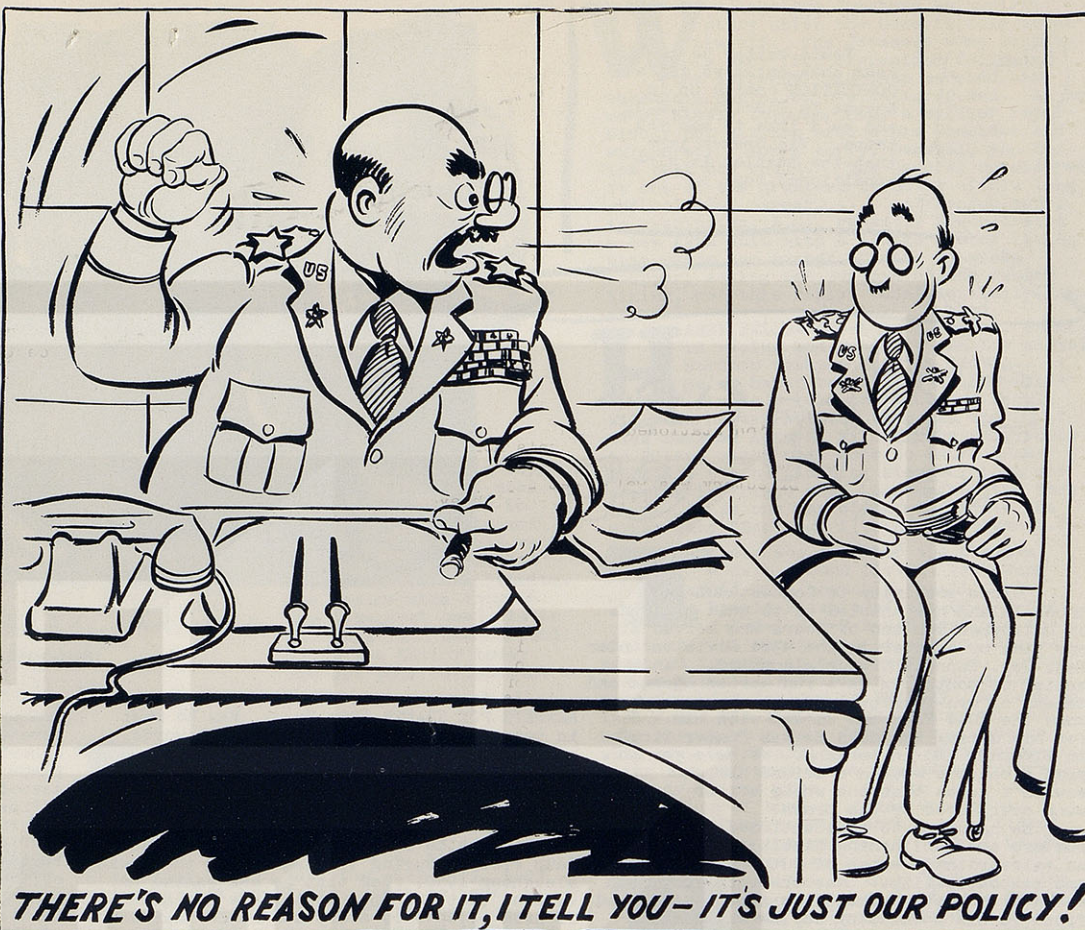
If we would be men of character, there must be shape
and color and morality to our thinking. It is time we
bury our emotional spooks, get busy and size up the things
we represent, think them through and come up with convic-
tions that have shape and substance. A man's character
can often be measured by the size of the thing he will
rise up to defend. When morality goes out of our think-
ing and out of our lives, then we open the floodgates of
personal and national disaster. We owe it to ourselves
and to our country to keep our thinking wholesome and con-
structive.

DIVISION GATHERINGS

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"Pacific Division"
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MARK HOPKINS
San Francisco,
Calif.
MARCH 27th

◆
"Atlantic Division"
HOTEL STATLER
Washington, D.C.
AUGUST
13th and 14th

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All Taro Leafers
and Their Friends
Are Invited



THERE'S NO REASON FOR IT, I TELL YOU - IT'S JUST OUR POLICY!

Maj. Gen. JAMES A. LESTER (Div. Arty. & Div.Hq.) and Mrs. Lester now at 2375 Bay St., San Francisco, sent a lovely note in the familiar Lester handwriting. We always liked the way the General made the letter "L". And you could usually tell whether he was running hot or cold by the length of it, too. Today the "L" was a short one so we know he's in a good mood enjoying his retirement days in a good mood. For that we are sincerely happy for them both.

SOLOMON, BOB that is, of the 34th, writes an enjoyable "Remember" column in the 34th little mineographed paper. Bob has given us permission to use some of his recent material on Goodenough Island. For those who were there, it will bring back memories. Here's part of what he wrote:

"We were getting closer to the front and no one knew what to expect. Upon our arrival everyone was anticipating a mystery. We were loaded on trucks to take us to the bivouac area. The advance detail had put up tents for us. The area was grassy plain at the foot of a mountain with densely wooded areas to our rear, through which a stream flowed. We were all anxious to see the natives, but were told the women were all sent to another area....I wonder why? The men were known as fuzzy-wuzzies, named for their hair. Most of them had their hair dyed red and what teeth...they were black; they made an eerie sight. The black teeth were caused by their chewing of beetle nuts, they use the nuts as we chew gum. The hair was dyed from the nut also. We all wondered what the women looked like. We must remember that when we were in Hawaii, the only time we got pineapple was during our night hikes through the pineapple fields. Here on Goodenough...was all the canned pineapple from the Five Islands. Remember eating pineapple in every form imaginable? On Goodenough we were supervised in taking our atabrine tablets. After the evening meal, we had to line up in front of an Officer and swallow our pill; that was before they were coated, and how bitter they were. I will always remember the waterfall high in the mountain, always wanting to get up there, but never being able to. There was the nightly practice session by the A.A. Batteries, giving us fireworks. Do you remember?"

PLEASE SAVE AUG. 13 & 14 FOR US

(Ed. Note: The officers in this cartoon are not Taro Leafers.....we don't think. Any resemblance to any Taro Leafer is purely coincidental and can't be helped.)

From PETE CRESCENZO (724 Ord) in Southbridge, Mass., from J. B., Lois and Susan JONES (19th), Clemson House, Clemson, S.C., and from the FORD BARON (724 Ord) family in Salt Lake City, came Christmas wishes a few weeks ago. Thanks folks. Likewise to ELMER and Bertna VAN ZANT (24 MP) out in Ankara, Turkey.

When the corporal was asked now the UN General Assembly had reacted to a recent speech by one of the delegates which he had happened to hear, he replied: "Everybody praised it but Madame Pandit."

Second Army's Deputy CG is our own Maj. Gen. GEORGE W. SMYTHE. We're glad you're close by, General. We hope we can drop in on you down there at Ft. Meade one of these days.

Xmas card from O. E. TRECHTER, Jr. and family June, Sherry and Tom, at 1401 W. Valeria, in Santa Barbara, Calif. They kidded us by telling us they wished they were enjoying the New England winter with us. Treck, you've got a hole in your head. And sister Peggy out in Chicago remembered us, too, telling us that she hopes to join her Mother and Dad in La Rochelle, France in the Spring. Give them both a hug for us, Peggy, please.

General Orders No. 67 of 1 Sept. 53 lists the following battles and campaigns of the United States Army: (Combat Zone is territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters)
UN Defensive - 27 June to 15 Sept 1950 incl.
UN Offensive - 16 Sept to 2 Nov 1950 incl.
OCF Intervention - 3 Nov 1950 to 24 Jan 1951 incl.; First UN Counteroffensive - 25 Jan to 21 Apr 1951 incl.; OCF Spring Offensive - 22 Apr to 8 July 1951 incl.; UN Summer-Fall Offensive - 9 July to 27 Nov. 1951 incl.; Second Korean Winter - 28 Nov 1951 to 30 Apr 1952 incl.; Korean Summer-Fall 1952 - 1 May to 30 Nov incl.; Third Korean Winter - 1 Dec 52 to 30 Apr 1953 incl.; Korean Summer-Fall 1 May to 27 July 1953.

Despite the fact that the world wasn't made in a day, it kind of looks as if it might end in one.

GENE PAPI (Div.Band) whom most will remember as the leader of the Division Band, is doing the same kind of a job with the 8th Div.Band at Ft. Jackson, S.C. We're glad you're home again, Pappy. Thanks for that Christmas wish. Pappy is a Chief Warrant now. Congratulations!

Especially thoughtful among the many who remembered us with Christmas cards were DICK LAWSON (Div. Hq.) from his post on the Faculty, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. and Helen and LEON HOWARD (Div. Hq.) out in Pasadena who advises that he's still trying to learn what comes after 75. (It's 76 Le. that's the spirit!).

Here for the first time are the names that insiders used for the only two A-bombs dropped in anger: The Hiroshima bomb was fondly dubbed "Tain Man" after F.D.R. The Nagasaki bomb was called "Fat Man" after Sir Churchill.

JIM HOLLINGSWORTH is the new President of the Camp Gordon Outpost. JACK FURMAN is the Executive V.P., AL FLOYD is the Second V.P., and LOU STICKNEY is the Secretary. The crowd there is slowly but surely developing a splendid chapter down there in Augusta.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. AUBREY S. NEWMAN (Div.Hq. & 34th) sent us their good Xmas wishes from Ft. Benning for which we are both grateful and happy.

In Indiana, Mrs. Goldie Conlin of 625 Wolfelin St., Mt. Vernon, desires to hear from anyone who was with her son Lt. PAUL D. CONLIN before he was reported MIA in Korea on January 3, 1951. Can anyone help Mrs. Conlin?.....



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Maj. Gen. R. B. WOODRUFF (Div.Hq.) continues to be a faithful correspondent. Here's part of his latest memo:

"The selection of Washington as the next Convention was a nappy one. There are lots of former members of the Division stationed there and there ought to be lots living nearby.

"The installment of the Directory was well come. I had a time trying to find Vic Backer's address in order to thank him for the very cordial greeting sent from St. Louis. Since leaving active Service my once well kept files have gone to pot and I couldn't locate the old Taro Leaf which contained that information.

"I have been going into some of my personal treasures in the way of souvenirs of the late War and am wondering if there is any possibility of the Association ever having a trophy room or similar place in which such stuff might be on display, primarily for the members themselves? Do you have any ideas on the subject? My stuff consists of Jap flags, some sabers contributed by senior Japanese officers, etc., not a large collection but it may be that others of the Division have some similar items that eventually could be built up into something worth while. (Just a thought in passing)."

That idea on a trophy room ought to provoke some comment and we'll throw it to the boys to let them chew on it. We like it. What do you say, members? Let's synchronize watches and move out.



We are grateful to Vivian Meyer, not only for the Division song, printed in our last issue, but also for her free verse which we reproduce below. She writes that this was prompted by the enthusiasm for the Division which she felt at the St. Louis gathering. Here's her way of expressing it:

Let's propose a Taro-Toast
And with every good intention
Draw a crowd from coast to coast
To our fifty-four convention.
So easy now to see how this
Can mean so much to our dear boys
A shame so many had to miss
The jolly fun and happy noise.
Now's the time to get to work
Making plans for next year's meet
Let not any of us snirk
Before the program is complete.
Some of them had worked so hard
With precious little time to rest
Attendance would have been reward
Assurance they had done their best.
Why should we allow a few
To shoulder this tremendous task?
Seems the least that we can do
To share the burden -- all they ask.
Thoughts will linger, through the year
Of so many different things
Now a chuckle -- now a tear
Mixed emotion memory brings.
Nothing too good for a "vet"
Fills our hearts with aching pride
Knowing they will not forget
Their buddies on the "other side."
Spike O'Donnell, bless his heart
(Though he kissed the Blarney twice)
Did so much more than his part
To welcome us -- and break the ice.
In his charming Irish way
(and we hope there is no cure)
He would yakky-yak all day
He's the veterans' friend, for sure!
Then the president-elect
Surely he is not a slacker
Smiling manner -- so direct
Tireless workhorse -- "Mister" Backer.
Joe, the jitterbug M.C.
Doubled us with hearty laughter
We enjoyed all this for free
Happiness is what he's after.
It would take a lot of space
Giving credit where it's due
To recall each friendly face
Friends indeed -- tried and true.
One very special GI Joe
Ole' Doc C -- From Company "G"
Might decide to let me go
Next year, to Washington, D. C.
One night I will never forget
So whatever his decision
Finest group I ever met
Was from the 24th Division!

1000 Kudos to you Vivian. Keep writing 'em and we'll publish 'em.

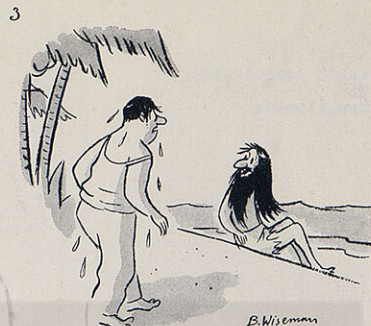


LAUREL GEISLER (3rd En. 34th from 12-45 to 12-46) has been separated from the Air Force and is now back in Fargo, N.D.....

The 1st Cavalry Division Assoc. follows us into Washington, D.C. on Sept. 3-6, 1954. 550 members attended their '53 reunion in El Paso, Tex. They have no annual dues. A life membership costs \$10. We don't know how many members they have.

MAJ. RUSSELL B. BEMIS (21st) is now living at 2100 Cameron Drive, Dundalk 22, Md.

VIC FRITSCH out in Hamilton, Ohio has been doing some missionary work for us. Thanks, Vic! And thanks also for the pictures which you sent along.



Hanson Baldwin of the New York Times recently said of BILL DEAN (Div. Hq.):

"General Dean's description of himself at a news conference as 'not a hero -- just a dogfaced soldier' might well be used as a text in the Pentagon, which could benefit greatly from more 'dogfaced soldiers' and less staff officer experts."

"General Dean has demonstrated by his bearing and conduct prior to, during and since his imprisonment that he is a leader of men; he understands the art of command. This is a quality, always rare, but far too rare in our present Army, which has tended too much to extol the staff officer and specialist at the expense of the troop leader."

"General Dean's homecoming and his modest but revealing remarks should serve to emphasize once again the major problem of our armed forces today, a problem particularly acute in the Army, the problem of service morale, service incentives and attractiveness and service leadership."

You'll get no argument out of us, Mr. Baldwin. We're on the same team.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

The word in from Fr. BERLO (19th) at Ft. Shafter goes like this:

"Early this morning, it suddenly occurred to me that I had not paid my dues. Usually I take care of this matter at the Convention but this past summer it was impossible for me to be present. So I am holding up my usual duties for the day to take care of this at once."

"Rumors have been flying around that 'a Division' would come to Schofield Barracks again and of course everyone knew reference was being made to the 24th. Well, we all know that every time we made a new landing in the SW Pacific the rumor started up again that 'after this operation' we would go back to the old home base. As far as I have learned, it's still in the 'rumor' stage."

"Naturally, one sees the Taro Leaf patch all over the place around here on Oahu and I am certain that not very many of them belong to our Assoc. Getting them in is a touchy and difficult matter. Allowances and such were cut, many civilian employees were laid off in the recent RIF (reduction in force) and all are complaining of the shortage of money, as I found out this past month because I was Area Chairman for the Community Chest Drive."

"On Oct. 1st, I received a 'permanent appointment' in the Reserves in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Active duty status of course remains in the rank of Major."

We enjoyed the report, Fr. Berlo, and the check. Many thanks.



"BUT I AM READJUSTED TO CIVILIAN LIFE, POP"



"You happen to remember what I called this formation for?"

The Society of the 28th Division claims to have 2977 members in its latest issue. We are going to beat that record. Watch our dust, you Keystoneers!.... The 32nd Division Veterans Association put out a beautiful July-August issue of their "Red Arrow News-Record" consisting of 34 pages. It included 177 advertisements. We've consistently avoided the question of soliciting ads believing that we could pay our own way. So far, so good.....

RAY SIMPSON (C-21), a recently returned POW, is at ward 3 East, Fitzsimmons Hosp. in Denver. Ray has TB and expects to be there for the next year. Thanks for your letter, Ray, and here's wishing you a speedy recovery.

DON BRIZZI (A 52F from 6-42 to 9-45) is National Service Officer for the DAV at 252 7th Ave., New York.

Lt. Col. FLOYD MARTIN (21st from 7-48 to 3-51) is with us. Floyd is at 874 Main St., Newington, Conn.

TARO LEAF
William Savell
24th Division Association
P.O. Box 268
Blountstown, Florida



West Austin Ill

36th Div. Assoc

Box 2174

*Capitol Ave
Austin
Texas*

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Col. GEORGE CHAPMAN (19th) writes us from the Language School in Monterey, Calif.:
"I've been doing so much running around lately, I've lost track of my membership standing, but I'm reasonably sure that I owe the Association one year's dues. I am further embarrassed by the fact that I lost my last Taro Leaf to some Korean 24th Vets here trying to drum up a bit of business and hence don't know to whom I should send this. However, knowing that you and JOE PEYTON, along with BILL SAVELL, will definitely be in there pitting, I will refer it to you with the assurance that it will get to where it should."

"It might be of interest to you that I am presently studying Portuguese to take over the job that BILL VERBECK (21) started in Brazil back in '48. I plan to go to Rio some time in March. Last spring I was in Salzburg Germany, and had the pleasure of seeing RALPH DALTON (19th Inf) and GEORGE ASERT (Div. QM). Their address is Headquarters USFA, APO 168, c/o PM, New York, N.Y."

"I regret that duty and miscalculations have resulted in my missing so many of your reunions. I know that you know my thoughts have been with you."

Thanks for the message, George.

In New York recently, VIC BACKER (34th) took ED HENRY and your Editor over to the 77th Division Clubhouse on 39th St. (28 East, in case you're in town). With only 1083 members, they have a clubhouse, complete with restaurant and bar, that is a dream.... In London, when eggs were very hard to get, a grocer had a strenuous time. Many women formed an egg-line every day. A beautiful young woman asked for a dozen, to which the clerk replied: "Sorry, but these are only for expectant mothers." After a little hesitation, the young lady said, "I would consider it a favor if you would put a dozen under the counter. I will call for them in the morning."

JOHAN WHITING (24th Sig.Co.) and DAN FYE (Div.Hq.), both presently at Cp. Gordon have just joined the Assoc. John is a Sergeant with Co.B, TSESS. Daniel is a Warrant Officer with the 95th Army Band. Welcome aboard, gents..... Perplexed wife, at dinner table, to angry husband: "Monday you liked beans; Tuesday you liked beans; Wednesday you liked beans. Now all of a sudden on Thursday you don't like beans!"

Rise and shine

GEORGE K. MOODY (Div. Hq. from 7-46 to 7-48) has returned from Turkey and is now at Cp. Polk. George, Anne and the kids are at 301 N. Royal St., DeRidder, La. George reports that he left our international relations with Turkey in the good hands of ELMER "Sheriff" VAN ZANT (24 MP from 12-46 to 12-47). He reports that he's now living in a southern mansion, commands the 145th Inf., has a few spare beds and would welcome a visit. We'll be down, George, and when we do we'll go over to Antoine's in New Orleans. The oysters Rockefeller will be on me.....

PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY



Please check your address as it appears here. If it is incorrect, we will appreciate your printing your name and complete address on this page and mailing it back to us. That will help us save paper, postage, and extra work on the part of the postal service and will assure you prompt delivery. Thank you.

..... PAUL DUNCAN (63F) is working for us in the Oklahoma City area and we are much indebted to him. He's an attorney with Pierce, Mack and Duncan there..... DICK BIERING (19th) has been doing some missionary work for the Assoc. which we acknowledge gratefully. Dick is Sales Manager of The Blase Company (heating and air-conditioning) in San Antonio.....

In locating these POW's, we don't know what we'd have done without the help of people like JULIUS JOSZ in Detroit, PAUL DUNCAN in Oklahoma City, and TOM CHACONAS in Washington, D. C..... Word in from M/Sgt CAL CREESON, a recently returned POW. We gave him a year membership in the Assoc. just as we gave 639 other returned POW's. Here's what Cal writes from his home in Winston-Salem, N.C.: "Thank you so very kindly for your nice letter. It was with heartfelt joy to know that so many people were thinking of us while we were prisoners of the Reds. Any news of former members of the 24th Div. and activities of the Div. will be highly appreciated. I have about 11 years service with the organization and I have come to regard it as home. Thank you again for the membership and I sincerely hope that the association is a big success with many new members to join you in the future."

We like the letter, Cal. As for news of the Division, that's what this paper is for. We'll give you every bit of news we can put our hands on.

A. E. RODRIQUEZ, of 614 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, Ill. is Secretary of the 94th Division Association. He is plugging us in their paper "Attack" and we are reciprocating right here, now, this very minute. If you know any 94th Division people, won't you have them contact the Secretary, please!



"I came up through the ranks."

FRANCIS HELLER (Hq. Btry, Div. Arty. 1942-7) now Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Kansas, writes us a most interesting letter. He has been checking on the whereabouts of one M/Sgt. AUSTIN D. FLACK. Writes Francis:

"M/Sgt. AUSTIN D. FLACK was in the Division as Sgt/Major of the 52nd when I got to Oahu with the first draftees. Later he had a slight run-in with the powers-that-be that resulted in his being reduced and transferred into Div Arty Hq Btry as a PVT. That's when I got to know him well: our names being adjoining on the duty roster, we used to do pots and pans together. After six months of this activity, and by prearranged consent of Gen. Lester who was Div Arty CG at the time, Flack went to the 63rd where he was at once promoted to M/Sgt and placed in his old job. He did a grand job under rather trying circumstances. In the summer of '45, Flack was sent back to the States on 45 days R&R. The war ended while he was there and he was told that he need not return overseas. He fought and fought to get back. In any case, one beautiful spring day in 1946, the Div Arty adjutant came into my office -- I was Div Arty S-2 by that time -- and asked me if I had ever known a M/Sgt Flack. So he was back again, but by late fall he was again on his way to the States: GHQ had dreamed up a recruiting drive and none but the oldest regulars would qualify. We had only three real old-timers left in Div Arty and Flack was one of them. Gen. Blanchard (now at Camp Gordon) told me later that Flack was the only one of the three who came back overseas to rejoin his unit. He was still there when Korea started out and after the 34th RCT got chewed up he was listed as missing. Then, on the last Sunday before the prisoner exchange ended, the NY Times carried a lengthy story quoting the newly released Sgt. Flack on camp life, etc. I don't recall that he was identified as having been a 24th Div. man. But to my way of thinking there are few others who would qualify as well as not "a" but the 24th Division man. As far as I can recall, Flack never spoke much about any family. He seems to have no other attachments than the 24th; it shouldn't surprise me if he did not even return from Korea but went back to the Sgt/Major's desk. I guess he would have to be content with some other battalion now but it would still be the 24th."

"You can see that I consider Flack quite a guy. I think you may have to run a check on him through AG but his name ought to be included on our rolls."

"I can't say that I get very much accomplished on this last Active Duty hitch. Uncle Sam would not let me go overseas, on account of some 4 1/2 years spent there during WWII, so I languished at Ft. Bragg, engaged primarily in the happy pursuit of keeping my boots as shiny as the Airborne boys'. About the only facet of interest was that as S-3 of a very heavy artillery unit (240s) I got to train the first cadre for the atomic artillery units. But that, too, was a rather vicarious feat."

Many thanks for the lengthy report, Francis, and if anyone can give us a run-down on Austin Flack, please contact the Editor.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

THE 45th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION NEWS

September 1953

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Thunderbirds;

It is my good fortune to be privileged to invite all of you to the 1953 Reunion in Oklahoma City next November.

In Washington two years ago we asked to have the 1953 Reunion in Oklahoma City. In New York last year we repeated that invitation, and you accepted with unanimous enthusiasm.

The Oklahoma State Chapter, led by its President, Fred Daugherty, has been working on arrangements for some time. The committees are attending to the many details necessary to entertain the largest Reunion we have ever had. With the Korea and the European veterans all home there is no question about the attendance.

The success of these annual reunions depend upon the presence of each and every one of you. If you do not attend your friends will miss you, and their trip to Oklahoma City will be that much less enjoyable to them: if you do not attend you will miss an opportunity to meet the many friends you made while in the Service.

Your National Officers are looking forward to seeing you in November.

F. J. REICHMANN
PRESIDENT

FIRST CAMP SINCE KOREAN SERVICE

Less than 11 months after division headquarters was reactivated as the first unit of the "new" division, the 45th Infantry Division (NGUS) hit the field for two weeks summer training.

And almost all of the division's members were on hand as trains and trucks rolled south across the Red River to North Fort Hood, Texas. Attendance for this first camp totalled almost 95 percent—94.5 to be exact.

"Advance guards" invaded Texas territory a few hours before the main trains and motor columns formed in the north parts of Oklahoma for the southward movements Sunday, August 9. The trains reached Hood that same day.

On hand to greet all arrivals was the resplendent 45th Division band, led by Mr. Carey. An air guard plane transported them to the Texas post in plenty of time for the arrivals.

The motor column segments began rolling early Sunday—the west column spent that Sunday night in bivouac near Windthorst, Texas, 20 or so miles south of Wichita Falls, Texas. Brig. Gen. Otwa Autry, division artillery commander, led that column which cleared Windthorst bright and early Monday, reaching Hood that afternoon.

Brig. Gen. Fred Daugherty, assistant division commander, had charge of the east column which rolled south through Dallas and into Hood on about the same schedule. Their Sunday night was spent near McKinney.

Training began at 7 a.m. Tuesday with all men possible hitting the field. Small arms firing, marches, classes—the works.

As Maj. Gen. Hal L. Muldrow jr., division commander, told his officers Monday night:

"We came down here to work. We've a lot to accomplish and little time to do it."

Those words set the pace for the following week and a half.

The high point of the Camp Hoffman—named in honor of the late General Hoffman—was the arrival of Governor Johnston Murray and his party Friday afternoon.

Landing in Temple, Texas, the Governor and his party motored to the North Fort where full honors were rendered by division

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REUNION IS 6-7-8 NOV.

The eighth annual reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association will be in Oklahoma 6, 7 and 8 November. This reunion promises to be the biggest and best of all times. It will bring together Thunderbirds of World War I, their predecessors and veterans of the Korean War.

Make your plans now to be in Oklahoma City, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 6, 7 and 8 November. Total registration fees for one person to include chuck wagon barbecue and dance, Friday night and banquet and dance Saturday night will be \$10. You'll spend a lot more on many a weekend's entertainment with not half as much fun. You may bring your spouse or guest and no registration fee or charge for the barbecue and Friday night hoe down will be required. The only additional charge for your guest will be a very reasonable amount for their Saturday night banquet tickets.

YEP, THE STORIES ARE TRUE

There will be multi—viele—toksan entertainment. Brothers Hank Roach and LeRoy Eastman of our entertainment committee are attempting to whomp up a full fledged Indian ceremonial dance program for both Friday and Saturday evenings. From past experience, we can be certain the entertainment will be good. There will be a photographer present so that for a reasonable stipend, you may have your pictures taken with the Indians.

We are also especially interested in showing our brothers from other States the nest from which the Thunderbird has taken off in two flights half way around the world. Some of the stories the Okies have told are guaranteed—that there is an oilfield running right through Oklahoma City—that in Oklahoma City is one of the finest State Historical museums of any state—that here are skyscrapers in places where only a little more than 60 years ago were only tepees. There's the spot where Washington Irving camped during his tour of the prairies.

NOW CLIP THE COUPON

The Oklahoma Chapter is planning a first class program. Unlike the associations of many other basically National Guard Divisions, all affairs of our association are not concentrated in Oklahoma. The association was founded in Oklahoma City 16 February 1946. Shortly thereafter, chapters were established in New York City, Chicago, Denver, Washington, D. C., Boston and Fort Benning, Georgia. A Yokahama chapter was founded, but its activities were interrupted by the Korean war. The first annual reunion was held in Oklahoma City in 1946. The 1947 reunion was in Denver, the 1948 in New York City, the 1949 in Boston, the 1950 in Chicago, the 1951 in Washington, D. C. and the 1952 in New York City. Officers of the Association have likewise been representative of the entire membership.

In order to guarantee the complete success of the reunion, it will be necessary to obtain as many advance registrations as possible. You will be mailed toksan-multi-viele literature but why not clip the coupon which appears in this issue and send it in with your registration fee now.

We have almost every kind of a committee working on the reunion. Be sure to indicate your hotel requirements. In another section of this issue, you will find Oklahoma City hotel rates. Considering the country as a whole, they are very reasonable.

And the ladies—bless 'em. There will be a special program for them. We are consulting the 45th wives' club for the arrangements. Bring 'em along.

DIVISION UNITS HONORED

Section I, General Orders No. 21, Department of the Army, 27 February 1953 announced the award of the Distinguished Unit Citation to the 3rd Battalion 180th Infantry and the following attached units for heroic action near Chorwon, Korea 13-15 June 1953:

Company G, 180th Infantry
3rd Platoon, Medical Company, 180th Infantry
1st Squad, Company B, 120th Engineers
4th Platoon, Company B, 245th Tank Battalion
4th Platoon, Medium Tank Company, 180th Infantry
AW Section, Medium Tank Company, 180th Infantry
1st Platoon, Company A, 145th AAA AW Battalion
Forward Observer Teams No. 1, 2 and 3 and Liaison Team,
Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion
3rd Platoon, Heavy Mortar Company, 180th Infantry
Chaplain, Headquarters, 180th Infantry

The requirements for award of the Distinguished Unit Citation (sometimes erroneously referred to as the "Presidential Citation") include heroism of the same degree required for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Members who were present with the units at the time of the action upon which the award was based, are entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge with gold border above the right pocket of the uniform at all times except on fatigue clothing. Present members of the units concerned may wear the badge as long as their membership in the units continues.

The award of the Distinguished Unit Citation to the above units adds another chapter to the many recognized acts of heroism of Thunderbirds both in Korea and in World War II. Congratulations to those gallant men of Pokkae, Old Baldy, the Pork Chop and the T-Bone.

Good fighting units deserve to be supported by good service troops and the Thunderbird Division has never been lacking in its men behind the man with the gun. World War II saw a number of our service units decorated. Information has been received of the award of the Meritorious Service citation to the following units of the division for action in Korea between the dates indicated:

700th Ordnance Maintenance Company 1 June to 1 December 1952, Par. 10, General Orders No. 36, DA 28 April 1953.

45th Signal Company 17 December 1951 to 15 November 1952, Sec. II, Par. 2, General Orders No. 28, DA 20 March 1953.

45th Division Band, 1 January 1952 to 1 July 1952, Sec. I, Par. 5, General Orders No. 10, DA 19 January 1953.

45th Replacement Company, 1 March 1952 to 31 August 1952, Sec. I, Par. 6, General Orders No. 10, DA 19 January 1953.

Supply Platoon, 245th Tank Battalion, 28 December 1951 to 17 June 1952, Sec. I, Par. 11, General Orders No. 10, DA, 19 January 1953.

45th Military Police Company, 18 December 1951 to 17 June 1952, Section I, Par. 5, General Orders No. 88, DA 2 October 1952.

Individuals who were members of the above units when the Meritorious service awards were earned are entitled to wear the wreath patch on their left sleeve at any time when the uniform, except fatigue, is worn. Present members may wear the patch as long as they are members of the units to which the award is made. In addition, the units themselves may obtain, upon requisition, meritorious service plaques commemorating the award.

INTERESTED IN FORMING A LOCAL CHAPTER?

The By-laws and Constitution of the 45th Infantry Division Association provide that local chapters may be formed in any locality by making application to National Headquarters. The only requirement is that the proposed charter have at least five members in good standing, who have paid their current membership dues, on their rolls. The group should elect temporary officers for the local chapter, then submit membership dues, name and addresses of the members, and the proposed name of the local chapter, to the National Secretary, 2205 North Central, Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma. Upon approval of the application, a charter will be prepared and mailed to the temporary president of the local chapter.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

It is a privilege as president of the Oklahoma Chapter to be one of the hosts to the 1953 National Reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association. In behalf of the Oklahoma Chapter I welcome each member of the Association to the reunion. This promises to be the largest one which we have ever had. Consistent with its early established policies, the Association does not concentrate all of its reunion activities in Oklahoma as do the Associations of many National Guard Divisions. The coming reunion will be the first national reunion in Oklahoma City since 1946.

I especially urge all of the members of the Oklahoma Chapter to support this reunion to the maximum. Already there is indication of a heavy attendance from outside of Oklahoma. Our welcome must be one consistent with the traditional hospitality of the Great Southwest. There are many old-timers who should be members of the Association. Now there are as many as three generations of Thunderbirds in Oklahoma out of the same families. Younger Oklahoma Thunderbirds may interest dad, uncle, older brother or the neighbor across the street or down the section line road. Spread the good word and bring them along. They'll have the time of their lives.

On to Oklahoma City 6, 7 and 8 November!

FREDERICK A. DAUGHERTY
President, Oklahoma Chapter

ASSOCIATION AIDS ARMORY CONSTRUCTION

One of the factors in the strength and efficiency of the 45th Infantry Division has been the fine unit armories which are constructed during the 1930s.

At that time, however, Oklahoma had only about 2/3rds of the units of the division with the remainder being allocated to Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. In 1946, with the allocation of all units to Oklahoma, a new armory problem was presented.

Many cities and towns were assigned units which had no armory facilities. During the interim between that time and 1950, a number of garage type armories were constructed in the new National Guard towns. Still there were inadequacies.

During the last session of the Oklahoma State Legislature a bill was presented whereby the State would participate to the extent of 25 percent and the Federal Government to the extent of 75 percent in the construction of 13 new armories in cities and towns which had Thunderbird units but no armories of any type.

The work done by your association in connection with this legislation was significant. Thunderbirds John Russell of the State Senate and Glen C. Collins, Bill Card, Chilton Swank, Tom Morford and Shockley Shoemaker of the House of Representatives can never be thanked enough for their tireless efforts.

The bill passed and has been signed by the Governor.

Lawton will receive a three-unit armory. One-unit armories will be located in El Reno, Ponca City, Chilocco, Nowata, Bristow, Vinita, Broken Arrow, Stilwell, Poteau, Shawnee, Seminole and Fairfax.

The law provides that the construction program will be administered by the Commanding General, 45th Infantry Division, the State Adjutant General and the Attorney General of Oklahoma.

EASTMAN SCORES FOR ASSOCIATION

No one has ever worked harder in the interest of the Association than Thunderbird Leroy Eastman, 179th Infantry, World War II.

Representing Commercial Equipment Company, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Eastman travels considerably in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Wherever he goes, he spreads the word of the Association, procures new memberships and generally acts as a spark plug. He is also quite active in the affairs of the Disabled American Veterans organization. He takes the position that he served in the best Division of all and that it should have an Association second to none. The Association needs more LeRoy Eastmans.

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ATTENTION, THUNDERBIRDS!

The 45th Division Association Will Hold
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6-7-8 NOVEMBER 1953

Here's your chance to see Oklahoma and your old Division Friends.
Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find a registration coupon, hotel rates and a
sample of what's awaiting you here. To Insure you're taken care of send
the coupon today.

Remember . . . 45th Reunion . . . 6-7-8 November

Meet the President - - - "Doc Reichmann"

Francis J. Reichmann, was elected National President of the 45th Infantry Division Association during the 1952 reunion in New York City. Our prexy was born in Iowa. He served in World War I. In 1926 he joined the 45th Infantry Division and for a number of years thereafter served in the old 70th Brigade (now Division Artillery).



After induction of the Division in 1940,

he was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. He continued in this capacity until toward the end of World War II, at which time he was transferred to the allied military mission which entered Norway during that country's liberation from the Nazis.

Veterans of the division's Anzio days will always remember that it was Reichmann who fitted together the complicated picture puzzle which foretold, with amazing accuracy, the route of attack of the great German offensive of middle February 1944.

After World War II, our president affiliated with the 95th Infantry Division, U. S. Army Reserve, and is now Brigadier General,

Assistant Division Commander, of that organization.

In civilian life, General Reichmann is Doctor Francis J. Reichmann, one of the foremost oral surgeons of the country.

"Doc", Mrs. Reichmann and their daughter reside at 124 Northwest 15th Street, Oklahoma City. There is ample medical talent in the family. Mrs. Reichmann is an M.D.

Our president has been a tireless worker for the Thunderbird Division for many years. And in his spacious basement club room hangs a huge Thunderbird.

and now - - -

MEET THE COMMAND AND STAFF 45th INFANTRY DIVISION (NGUS)

MAJOR GENERAL HAL MULDROW, Commanding General was born in Tishmingo, Oklahoma, 31 May 1905. In 1928 he was commissioned in artillery from the ROTC unit at the University of Oklahoma. In September, 1940, he was assigned as executive officer, 189th FA.

From 1941 until June 1945, he commanded the 189th FA Bn. On 5 September 1946, he was appointed Commanding General, 45th Division Artillery and continued in that assignment until his return from Korea in May 1952.

In civilian life, General Muldrow owns the General Insurance Agency, Security National Bank Building, Norman, Oklahoma, where he resides at 633 Tulsa Street.

Consistent with the traditions and origin of the Thunderbird, General Muldrow has in his veins the blood of the Choctaw Indians, a nation responsible for early civilization of southeastern Oklahoma.

Decorations: Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Unit Citation.

BRIGADIER GENERAL FREDERICK A. DAUGHERTY was born 18 August 1914 in Oklahoma City. He attended Cumberland University and the University of Oklahoma, receiving his LLB degree. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry in 1935 and served with the 45th until 1941 when he was transferred to other duties.

Serving with Gen. Walter Kruger's Sixth Army, he advanced to rank of Colonel before the end of World War II. He commanded the 179th Infantry Regiment from its reactivation in 1946 until his return from Korea in June 1952. Upon reorganization of the Division, he was appointed Brigadier General and Assistant Division Commander.

He is a member of the Law firm of Ames, Daugherty, Bynum and Black, First National Building, Oklahoma City.

Decorations: Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Infantry Badge, Distinguished Unit Citation.

GENERAL STYRON IN HOBART

Major General James C. Styron, who commanded the 45th from 1946 until May 1952 in the United States, Japan and Korea is pursuing his business as a cotton broker in Hobart, Oklahoma. At the 1952 Oklahoma State Chapter reunion of the Association, General Styron was awarded the Oklahoma Distinguished Service Medal for long, faithful and efficient service in the Oklahoma National Guard.

BRIG. GEN. OTWA T. AUTRY Division artillery commander, began his career as an enlisted man in the 189th Field Artillery battalion. That was in 1933 (the 189th was formerly the 189th regiment). When mobilization came before World War II, he was commander of the Enid battery. Next came a staff job, then the post as executive officer of the 189th under Colonel Muldrow. He served in this capacity with distinction through the war. During Colonel Muldrow's absence in the early phase of the southern France operation, Autry took command of the battalion. In 1946, he was named CO of the 189th and held that job through Korea.

COL. WILLIAM VAN STUCK was born in Baltimore 24 October 1905. Attended Maryland Institute. Moved to Oklahoma City in 1930. Was liaison officer to 29th and 104th Infantry Division in France and Germany during World War II. Branch, Infantry. 1946 to 1952 was G-2, 45th Infantry Division.

Assigned as Chief of Staff, 45th Infantry Division in November 1951 and continued in that capacity until return from Korea in June 1952. Reappointed Chief of Staff of division upon its reactivation as a National Guard Division and promoted to Colonel.

In civilian life owns Van Stuck and Drake General Insurance Agency, 1259 First National Building, Oklahoma City.

Decorations: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Ribbon, Belgian Fourragere, Distinguished Citation with 2 Clusters.

TREADWELL ASSIGNED AS AIDE

Major Jack Treadwell, Snyder, Oklahoma, holder of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and Bronze Star for Valor, World War II, has recently returned from Austria and has been assigned as aide de camp to the Commanding General, First Army, Governor's Island, New York. Jack joined the Division as a private early in 1941 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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APPOINTMENTS AS OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS

Consistent with the 45th's long practice, of recruitment of officers strength from the ranks, a large number of individuals who served in the 45th as Warrant Officers and Enlisted persons during the Korean War have been promoted. Former warrant officers who are now 2nd Lieutenants, 45th Infantry Division, NGUS are:

2nd Lt Glen T. Caughron, Hq 45 Inf Div
2nd Lt Earl Williams, 45 QM CO
2nd Lt Kenneth G. Patterson, TK Co 279 Inf
2nd Lt Chester Bishop, Hq 158 FA
2nd Lt Charles H. Southerland, Hq 120 Med
2nd Lt Jesse M. Smith, Hq 700 Ord Bn

Former enlisted persons who are now 2nd Lieutenants and Warrant Officers are:

WOJG Neal L. McDonald, Hq 45th Inf Div
2nd Lt Guy E. Luker, 45 QM Co
2nd Lt Barton F. Broadhead, 45 Rcn Co
2nd Lt Lowell E. Thompson, Hq Co 179 Inf
WO Jacob H. Brown, Hq Co 179 Inf
WO Billy A. Stearns, Svc Co 179 Inf
WO John F. Zolbe, Svc Co 179 Inf
2nd Lt Richard L. Boren, Hv Mort Co 179 Inf
2nd Lt William E. Hill, Hv Mort Co 179 Inf
2nd Lt Harry E. Roberts, Tk Co 179 Inf
2nd Lt Michael H. Beall, Tk Co 179 Inf
WO William C. Mitchell Jr, Tk Co 179 Inf
2nd Lt Billy E. Stubbs, Med Co 179 Inf
2nd Lt James E. Butler, Co A 179 Inf
WO Willie E. Baker, Co A 179 Inf
2nd Lt Bobby J. Randolph, Co B 179 Inf
2nd Lt Harold E. Kelly, Co C 179 Inf
2nd Lt William C. Shirey, Co D 179 Inf
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2nd Lt Ralph W. Correll, Co E 179 Inf
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2nd Lt Clarence G. Oliver Jr, Co L 179 Inf
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2nd Lt Harvey L. Brown, Co M 179 Inf
WO James R. Uhlenhake, Co M 179 Inf
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2nd Lt Doyle E. Brower, Hq Co 1 Bn 180 Inf
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2nd Lt George E. Swift, Co M 279 Inf
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2nd Lt Harold R. Massey, Amb Co 120 Med
2nd Lt Earl N. Maddon Jr, Clr Co 10 Med
2nd Lt Winford W. Lane, Clr Co 120 Med
WOJG Billy G. Taylor, Co B 700th Ord Bn

NEWS TO BE REGULAR

Since the return of NGUS personnel from Korea, the Association News has published only two issues before the present one.

A great many of the individuals who normally would have worked on the paper have been engaged in the dual process of re-establishing themselves in their civilian occupations and in reorganizing the 45th Infantry Division, NGUS. Consequently there has been little time for work on the paper.

This issue, however, marks the the beginning of regular publications. The news, in the future, will be published on a quarterly basis. We hope to eventually make a monthly distribution. Each member of the Association can do his part by furnishing news of himself and his buddies. Send letters or postcards to 45th Infantry Division Association News, 2205 North Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NEWS ITEMS NEEDED

Look Joe. We've had to scrape news up from everywhere. Your buddies want to know about you—where you are and what you are doing. Let the Association hear from you.

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GENERAL DULANEY AT CAMP RUCKER

Major General Robert L. Dulaney who commanded the 180th Infantry in World War II and was Assistant Division Commander is now Commanding General of an Infantry Division at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

UNIT HISTORIES

Some inquiries have been received from individuals who did not receive the division pictorial history for which orders were taken on Hokkaido. Mail will reach the publisher of the history if addressed as follows:

"Albert Love Enterprises Inc., Atlanta, Georgia."

Inquiries should recite the name of the subscriber, his former unit and organization and his present mailing address.

A number of requests have been made regarding the availability of extra copies of the 179th Infantry Regiment World War II History. "The Story of a Regiment". The publisher, Newsfoto Publishing Company, Box 1392, San Angelo, Texas, advises that plates for printing this book are still available, but will publish same only on request for 100 copies or more. The book can be purchased for \$6.00 (covering mailing charges) if 100 or more orders are received. The same is true of "The Story of the 180th Infantry Regiment". Anyone interested in securing these histories or either of them may forward their requests to Association headquarters, 2205 North Central Ave., Oklahoma City.

A very informative booklet has been published by the 45th Infantry Division, AUS, in Korea. This booklet recites the background of the Division and, in brief, brings the history of the division up to date. It is well prepared and indicates much thought and effort on the part of those who compiled it.

First Camp Since Korean Service

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personnel. As the Governor's car motored into sight, a composite firing battery from the 158th began rolling out a 19-gun salute.

(Not a single gun misfired—so all the gathered Thunderbirds uncrossed their fingers).

The band then played "Hail to the Chief" as a special honor guard, composed of 14 men from each regiment presented arms.

Gov. Murray, Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, Gen. W. S. Key and General Muldrow then inspected the honor units.

But the big event took place Saturday as battle honors won in Korea were presented divisional units drawn up in formal review. Then the divisional passed in review (Roy Stewart's account of this is in the next column).

Then the Thunderbirds took a break for the weekend, visiting spots like storm-damaged Waco, Temple, Killeen and Gatesville.

But Monday morning, they hit the deck for training right on the button at 7 a.m. The second week was the "visiting firemen" week with Maj. Gen. Boatner, one-time Kojido island commander and now CG of Fourth army, heading the list.

General Boatner cautioned the division to "take it easy" in rebuilding and handed out this compliment:

"The taxpayers have gotten their money's worth out of the 45th division."

During that second week, the artillery and tank units fired their large guns, the units held individual reviews and marches and more classes were conducted.

Saturday morning, the two motor columns assembled again and began the return trek home. The trains left that night and by Monday morning, North Fort Hood was again a "ghost camp".

It had had a exciting summer with five divisions including the 36th setting up house for two-week sessions.

Just before leaving for camp, the division learned that its manpower ceiling had been lifted—striving to meet that ceiling will be the first order of business this fall.

The goal? Almost 14,000 officers and men. And the new 45th will tackle that goal with the record made at Fort Hood fresh in its memory.

The Fourth Army inspectors termed the division one of the best to hit the field

HERE'S THE INSIDE DOPE

Don't be confused by the various organizations to which Thunderbirds are eligible to belong. Here they are:

The 45th Infantry Division association (Any Thunderbird or former Thunderbird is eligible for membership).

The 45th Infantry Division association of Oklahoma (any Thunderbird or former Thunderbird who lives in Oklahoma is eligible to belong).

The National Guard association (any national guard officer is eligible to belong).

The National Guard association of Oklahoma (any national guard officer living in Oklahoma is eligible to belong).

The reunion scheduled here this November is sponsored by the 45th Infantry Division association with the 45th Infantry Division association of Oklahoma as host.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU, HARRY

Harry Barnes this month is taking his leave of the 45th Infantry division to settle in Dallas and study to be a dentist. That's a goal he's had for many a year—and one that two wars have upset. But now—keep your fingers crossed—it looks like he'll make it. So—for the time being—this Thunderbird who began as a buck private and now is a lieutenant-colonel (G-1) will say "until we meet again".

ARE YOU IN GOOD STANDING?

If you have not paid your membership dues, kindly remit at once. Any present or former member of the 45th Infantry Division is eligible for membership in the Association. Dues are payable 1 January of each year—\$3.00 for one year, \$10.00 for four years, \$25.00 for ten years, or \$50.00 for lifetime membership. Make your check or money order payable to 45th Infantry Division Association and mail to National Secretary, 2205 North Central, Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma. Be sure to include your full name, permanent mailing address, unit and approximate dates you served in the Division.

By ROY P. STEWART

NORTH FORT HOOD, Aug. 15—For an outfit that by military standards is supposed to be brand new, the 45th division put on a review under a blazing sun here Saturday that would make older units look to their laurels.

The 2,800 officers and men paraded past Gov. Murray and a whole raft of VIPs for nearly an hour Saturday morning in their first review since returning from Korea.

And the Thunderbirds proved for the second time in seven years, experienced officers and non-coms can take teen-agers and make them look like soldiers in a brief time.

ALTHOUGH HEAT WAVES danced across the flat field used for a parade ground, we did not see but one of the youthful looking troops fall out from heat exhaustion.

Our personal selection for the best marching unit of the division was the third battalion of the 179th infantry regiment, commanded by Maj. David C. Matthews, Perry, a lawyer when he isn't being a citizen-soldier.

There is another observation, too, which everyone who once went through the typical army routine of "hurry up and wait" would have appreciated.

Instead of standing for hours in the sun waiting for the review to start first troops reached the assembly area one hour and 12 minutes before Lt. Col. George Fisher began reading official unit citations from Korea service.

MAKING A BREAK in their first summer training camp after the second division reactivation the troops get a 12-hour holiday. Half of them were off Saturday, from noon to midnight, and the others may leave camp Sunday. Groups can go in trucks to Waco or Temple although most of those who remained in camp, probably will be in the swimming pool.

The camp itself, as a well-policed camp should, looked like the men had been here for months instead of days. That again is due to earned experience of the men who wear their stripes or brass.

Among spectators was Michiko T. Takeuchi, from Sapporo, Hokkaido, who was with Lt. Col. and Mrs. Claude Ingram. A former division chaplain, Ingram now is post chaplain at Fort Hood, some 20 miles from this camp.

The young Japanese girl was a soloist in the division choir in Japan and the division donated a fund to bring her here and start her musical education at Phillips university.

HER VOICE RANGE already has been shoved five notes higher than it was. She is now the protegee of the Ingrams at Phillips.

Col. Joe Cathey, formerly of Ada and former executive of division artillery who remained in the army after Korea, came up from Austin where he is senior instructor for the organized reserve in Texas.

Another artilleryman, Lt. Col. Howard "Pappy" Rice, also from Ada, and former commander of the 171st battalion, came over from Abilene where he is military science instructor at Hardin-Simmons university.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Donnell, came from San Antonio where the former Oklahoma A&M vice-president and onetime commander of the 180th infantry is now living.

From Konowa were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor. During World war II, Taylor was one of the outstanding infantry battalion commanders of the division. E. L. Head, Muskogee, onetime commander of the old 90th infantry brigade before the 45th was triangularized, also was a visitor.

REP. ED EDMONDSON, of Muskogee, landed on the camp airstrip 10 minutes before the review started after flying down with James Stevenson, Bill Rea and Claude Sledd. Rep. John Jarman, Oklahoma City, was the other member of congress present.

Mrs. Hal Muldrow, Norman, wife of the division commander, and Mrs. James C. Styron, wife of the former commander, sat with perhaps 80 other women and a few men under a canvas shelter to watch the review. Most of the male guests stood out in the sun. The party of VIPs in the reviewing stand shared sunshine and standing up with men in ranks across the gravel road.

This date of August 15 is a fairly important one in 45th division history, although for about 17 years it meant little but another day in summer camp, mostly at Fort Sill, sometimes falling on the mid-camp Saturday when bands were playing and guidons flapping in the breeze.

It was a hot day in the cutover pine lands north of Pitkin, La., in 1940, which in retrospect along with 1941 in timber country south of Many, in the same state, was a prelude to maneuvers when there was something besides blank ammo in the weapons.

AUG. 15, 1943, found the 157th infantry, the 158th artillery and supporting elements of the combat team loading in LCIs and LSTs

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TO: Perry B. Woolridge, National Secretary
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2205 North Central
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I expect to attend the 1953 National Reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 6, 7 and 8 November 1953. Enclosed herewith, find \$10.00 for my registration fee which I understand will cover my registration, chuck wagon barbecue, entertainment and banquet.

I will have guests in attendance with me. I understand I can purchase their banquet tickets at the reunion.

I expect to arrive in Oklahoma City November 1953 and to depart November 1953. Please have Hotel Arrangements Committee reserve following hotel facilities for me:

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MAJOR GENERAL ROY HOFFMAN

Old timers of the division were saddened recently by the death of Major General Roy Hoffman, attorney of Oklahoma City, who had the great honor of being the second officer to command the 45th.

General Hoffman served with contingents which were the fore-runner of the Thunderbird Division during World War I. He was eminently successful in his profession and as a business man.

Those who attended Association meetings in Oklahoma City will remember how, against his doctor's orders, the grand old gentleman would come down to the reunion hotel and there, recite from memory, the early happenings in the Division.

Too old to be with us in World War II, he avidly followed the division's progress both in that war and in Korea.

KENNETH O. JEFFERY

Not long after the Thunderbirds were called to active duty in 1940 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma they were joined by Private Kenneth O. Jeffery, a big good natured fellow who, from the beginning of his service, was admired, respected by his comrades.

A finished commercial artist, Jeff didn't stay long with a battery, but found his way into the G-2 Section. As master sergeant in G-2, he served throughout World War II. Upon the reorganization of the Division in 1946, he was commissioned as Assistant G-2.

Jeff went to Korea and served in his usual efficient manner. He was always most reliable. In fact some of us called him "Mr. G-2". Jeff did countless hours of work on Association affairs. He published many editions of the Association paper at nominal charges. He designed great numbers of programs. The Thunderbird was a part of him.

Last winter, Capt. Jeffery became ill with what appeared to be influenza. He tried to keep going and to fight it off. A less conscientious fellow than Jeff would probably have taken the necessary rest—he did not.

His heart, strong in loyalty and devotion would not take it and Jeff departed to join his comrades whose sacrifices for the life we love weave the pattern of flight of the Thunderbird from the beaches of Sicily to the steep hills north of the 38th Parallel. He leaves to carry on, his gallant wife, Alcia Dean, and their daughter Mickolyn of 1813 Brighton, The Village, Oklahoma.

WALTER KELLEY

Walter Kelley, World War II member of Company I, 180th Infantry was killed in an automobile accident near Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in October 1952.

JOE H. HENDRIX

1st Lt. Joe H. Hendrix, who served with 171st FA Bn in Korea, died at Okemah, Oklahoma, 30 September 1952.

LAVERNE MAYFIELD

WOJG LaVerne Mayfield, Ammunition Officer for Service Company, 279th Infantry in Korea, died 13 May 1953, from injuries received in an automobile accident near Muskogee, Oklahoma.

PAWNEES HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

A special Memorial Service for all living and deceased veterans of the 45th Infantry Division was conducted by the Pawnee Indian Tribe at Pawnee, Oklahoma, on the occasion of Armistice Day, 1952. Colonel L. Wayne Johnson, former commander of the 179th's First Battalion, spoke in behalf of the Division Association.

YOKAHAMA CHAPTER RE-ACTIVATES

A recent letter from Capt. James E. Stodgel indicates that the Yokahama Association Chapter, the activities of which were suspended with the advent of the Korean war, has reopened with a bang. The first meeting held this year was attended by 23 members and a chapter charter will soon be issued. This will probably be good news to our brothers still in Korea. No doubt the Yokahama brethren will be able to supply excellent information to those on R and R from the Land of the Morning Calm. Power to the Yokahama Chapter. Contact with the chapter can be made through Captain Stodgel, Legal Office, J.P.A., 8139th A.U., APO 503, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

APOLOGY RECEIVED

Several months ago an unfortunate press release occurred which attributed acts of cowardice in combat in Korea to members of stated military organizations including our own.

As present and former members of the Armed Forces, we are cognizant that even as there are disciplinary cases among civilians, there are some in the military. The release, however, was entirely unjustified and this Association immediately took steps to demand a complete investigation and apology.

President Reichmann, on behalf of the Association, made strong representations. The Oklahoma State Legislature, with every member of both houses as joint authors, passed a resolution deploring the release and requesting action to prevent recurrences. The legislature termed the release an insult not only to Oklahoma members of the Division, but also to their comrades from other states.

Those of us who knew Col. Robt. Lancefield as an old friend of the division from World War II days, could not believe that his action in giving the release was a mistake of the heart. Nevertheless, the damage had been done and it had to be corrected.

Thunderbird Senator John Russell, Okmulgee, Oklahoma personally took the resolution of the Legislature to Washington, D. C. and there received from Lt. Gen. McAuliffe, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, the retraction and regrets of the Department of the Army.

Our Association has always supported the Army in its programs and will continue to do so. Whenever, however, the situation warrants, it will not hesitate to seek correction of obvious injustices.

WATCH FOR HIS WORK

Brummett Echohawk, formerly a corporal in Company B of the 179th, executed a special Christmas cover for Western Horseman Magazine. Echohawk now is Chief Artist for Mid-Continent Petroleum Co.'s Advertising Section in Tulsa.

GENERAL McLAIN

Bill Mauldin once referred to General Raymond S. McLain, Sr. as the "General Officer whom the enlisted men of the 45th liked best". General McLain, who in the course of his military service rose from private in the Oklahoma National Guard to Lieutenant General, Regular Army, served as IXX Corps Commander and Army Comptroller.

In the 45th and its predecessor organizations, he served as a lieutenant during the Mexican Border Campaign, a Captain of a machine gun company during World War II, as Division G-3, as Chief of Staff and as Commanding General, Division Artillery.

Now retired from active duty, he is the chairman of the board of American First Title & Trust Company and heads the American Mortgage & Investment Company in Oklahoma City. He is on the president's committee for Universal Military Training on which subject he works avidly. His office door at 608 First National Building, Oklahoma City, is always open to Thunderbirds.

45th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN.

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2205 North Central Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Roy T. Stewart

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at Termini Imerese, Sicily, for an amphibious end run around enemy lines at Messina. Some Third division men were sort of unhappy when they found Thunderbirds ahead of them there.

In 1944, August 15 was D-day for the invasion of Southern France by the Seventh army, of which the 45th was a fighting part. Again the 157th infantry, joined by the 180th, was in the assault force at 0800 hours of that day. The balmy Mediterranean coast was no pleasure resort then.

There was 1950 when the advance party preparing a camp in these same brush covered slopes had to shift instead to Camp Polk. And '51 in Hokkaido, before Korea.

It will be a mite hard Monday for newcomers in 45th units to think of any historical heritage. Chousing around in the mesquite learning rudiments of military training is hardly adapted to history lessons. But the history is there—right under that Thunderbird on the left shoulder—when they doff fatigues and return home again.

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The Priceless Treasure Of Our Freedoms

We must stop creeping socialism in government. *Federal Socialization of Electric Power* is becoming a threat to our American way of life.

The socialists, with ideas imported from Europe, misconstrue the unique structure of American life. They envisage in terms of European societies.

Ours is a system of *FREE* men and *FREE* enterprise in which our concepts have departed from the Old World.

We have conceived that to have free men, we must be free from economic tyrannies which were nurtured in Europe's *laissez-faire*, dog-eat-dog system.

To guarantee this freedom and to prevent the oppression of free men we regulate the rates and services of natural monopolies. We insist on freedom from trade monopolies and the enforcement of constructive competition.

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... Editorial

Air Force Academy Considered

The question of an Air Force Academy is again before Congress. The proposal to establish the school has been before Congress for several years. The chief arguments now center around a site for the much needed Academy.

The bill to establish the school has been approved by the Armed Forces Committee and, we understand, has the backing of President Eisenhower.

Supporting the proposal is the fact that military aviation requires training even more complex than the specialized training given cadets at West Point and the midshipmen at Annapolis.

Air Force leaders, who are the best judges of the type of training needed for future Air Force officers, feel that the school is necessary. This is also the view held by a substantial number of the members of Congress.

The present bill authorized the establishment of a "temporary" Academy and the appointment of a commission to recommend a "permanent site."

Back in 1951 a commission headed by General Carl A. Spaatz studied prospective sites and narrowed the field down to seven — three of which are in Texas. While the new commission will not be bound by the former commission's recommendation, we would like to point out that Texas has a strong claim to the honor.

One of the three proposed sites in Texas, Randolph Air Force Base, is known to all the American people as "The West Point of the Air." The climate and distances of Texas are ideal for training purposes, a fact which also lends support to the Grapevine and Sherman locations which were also indorsed by General Spaatz commission.

Countless Air Force personnel have been trained in Texas. It is urged that the Air Force Academy be set up without delay and that a suitable site may be found in Texas.

The Cover

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new \$94,000 Texas National Guard Armory at Corsicana. Left to right: Major J. C. Gaston, CO 133d FA Bn.; Major Gen. Carl Phinney, CG 36th Infantry Division; Major Gen. K. L. Berry, the Adjutant General of Texas; Colonel Howard Clewis, U. S. P. & D. O.; Major John A. Yates, Army Advisor, TNG.; Major Dorrey P. Kounsler, Ex. O. 133d FA Bn.

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On Your Guard ^{by} P.I.O.

THE GUARD-READY WHEN NEEDED!

THE GUARD HAS ALMOST DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS THAT WERE IN ACTIVE SERVICE WHEN KOREA HIT. TWO DIVISIONS AND MANY OTHER GROUND AND AIR UNITS HAVE FACED AGGRESSION IN KOREA. TWO DIVISIONS AND OTHER UNITS ARE PART OF NATO FORCES IN EUROPE.



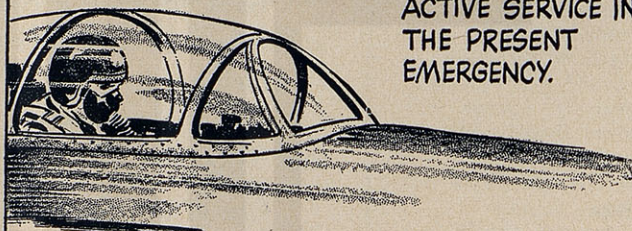
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Maj. Gen. K. L. Berry, Commanding
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Dear General Berry:

We think it is appropriate to publically compliment you and those members of your organization who have had a part in the planning and establishing of the new and permanent Baytown Armory. Company E of the 143rd Regiment Infantry, under the able command of Captain John Kader, can be depended upon to render distinguished service to our Community and the State of Texas.

Most certainly Armory Board Members,

Lt. Gen. H. Miller Ainsworth
Maj. Gen. Albert S. Johnson

Maj. Gen. Carl L. Phinney
Maj. Gen. Albert B. Crowther

Brig. Gen. Clayton P. Kerr

and Brig. Gen. Dallas G. Matthews are to be thanked for their splendid cooperation on this Armory Project, which will mean so much to our Community.

There have been illustrious Baytown citizens serving as Chamber of Commerce presidents who have devoted their time and energies toward the completion of this project. They were:

Thad Felton
W. T. Busch
Robert Strickland

Jack Saunders
W. C. Swain
Lloyd T. Jones.

Last, but by no means least, there were the committeemen from the Baytown Chamber of Commerce who were responsible for the fund-raising job that resulted in the purchase of the Armory site. The efforts of

George L. Keene
B. F. Booth
Robert L. Gillette
A. C. Kraft
J. Bryan Stratton

Dr. Ben F. Ammons
Dr. W. H. Bridges
Rayborn C. Johnson
Sam Paine
Darrell Tuck

will long be remembered in our Community, and they deserve public recognition for their accomplishments. We sincerely hope that the publication of this letter in "The Texas Guardsman" will in some measure afford them the proud satisfaction of a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

THE GENERAL TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

T. LYMAN
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General Manager
Baytown Plant

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Annual Armory Inspection Of Headquarters 36th Infantry Division

Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, received its Annual Armory Inspection this year on 14 January 1954 at Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas. Colonel Timothy J. Ryan, Inspector General, Fourth Army, conducted the inspection at the Austin Armory.

Officers and men of the Headquarters traveled to Austin from various points in Texas to attend the annual inspection which is conducted each year by Fourth Army for the purpose of determining the status of training and administration of this outstanding unit of the Texas National Guard.

Highlights of the inspection was the presentation to Headquarters, 36th Division of a Silver Certificate in recognition of the unit's efficiency in training during the 1953 field training period. Colonel Timothy J. Ryan, representing Lt. General White, Fourth Army Commander, made the presentation.

The Silver Certificate, the third to be presented to this unit, is awarded annually to National Guard units by the Chief, National Guard Bureau, in recognition of the achievement of an exceptionally high standard of training during the field training period. The 36th Division conducted its 1953 field training at North Fort Hood, Texas, during the period 28 June through 12 July, 1953.

The Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division now has possession of similar awards for the years 1951 and 1952.

Other 36th Division units at Camp Mabry have been similarly honored. The Headquarters Company of the Division, commanded by 1st Lt. Thomason C. Eklund, received a Silver Certificate; the Medical Detachment, Division Headquarters, commanded by Captain Sigman W. Hayes, received a Gold Certificate; Company B, 736th Ordnance Battalion, commanded by Captain Claude H. Sharp of Bastrop, Texas, received a Gold Certificate; the 36th Quartermaster Company, commanded by Cap-



COLONEL TIMOTHY J. RYAN, Inspector General, Fourth Army, presents Silver Certificate to Captain Sterling W. Steves, Commanding Officer of Headquarters Detachment, while Major General Carl L. Phinney of Dallas, 36th Division Commander, second from left, smiles his approval. At right is Sergeant First Class David L. Johnson, First Sergeant of the Detachment. The Silver Certificate was awarded to Headquarters of the 36th Division by the National Guard Bureau for efficiency in training. It was the third consecutive year the division has won the honor.

tain Edwin B. Bassford, received a Silver Certificate; and the Headquarters Company, 111th Medical Battalion, commanded by Captain Osborne Hardin also received a Silver Certificate.

Major General Carl L. Phinney of Dallas, Texas, the 36th Division Commander, who was present at the ceremonies to accept the awards, said:

"This is an outstanding achievement, and as I look back upon the year 1953, it is with a feeling of great pride in the tremendous and dynamic progress the 36th Infantry Division has made. All the hours of training and enthusiastic patriotic service are paying off in this official recognition of our exceptional progress by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the Commanding General, Fourth Army. The 36th (Texas) Infantry Division is now at an all time high in strength and is equipped with the most modern weapons and equipment available. During the year there was also bestowed another outstanding honor by Official Department of Army Orders. The 36th Division now has the privilege of carrying the traditional designation of "The 36th (Texas) Infantry Division." We of the Division Headquarters will continue to work to build the finest citizen-soldier Division in the United States, ready to perform our patriotic duty whenever called upon."



COL. TIMOTHY J. RYAN, Inspector General Fourth Army, congratulates Captain John B. Garrett, Commanding Officer, Hq Co, 36th Division, upon the unit's award of a Silver Certificate for Efficiency in Training. Presentation of the award was made by Colonel Ryan during the unit's Annual Armory Inspection at Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas, 13 January.

A new member of a certain government bureau made life miserable for his associates by pretending to absolute infallibility. One day, however, he startled his co-workers by admitting that once he had been wrong.

"You wrong?" exclaimed one of his listeners.

"Yes," replied the infallible man. "Once I thought I was wrong when I wasn't."

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NGB CITES RADIO STATION—Members of Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, stand at attention as Brig. Gen. James E. Taylor, 36th Division Artillery Commander, presents a Meritorious Service Plaque to Dave Smith, Program Director of Radio Station KVET, Austin, Texas. The plaque, presented in a formal ceremony at Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas, on 8 December 1953, was awarded in recognition of the outstanding support of the National Guard extended by Station KVET since the beginning of the Korean War.

Radio Station KVET, Austin, Texas, Awarded Bronze Meritorious Service Plaque For Service Rendered Texas National Guard Units at Camp Mabry

The recognition of outstanding services rendered the Reserve Forces of the United States was begun by the Department of Defense early this year.

The purpose of this recognition is to publicly acknowledge the patriotic support given the Reserve Units and to call the attention of every citizen to the need for a vigorous and active program of National Defense.

It is very fitting that this unit, the Headquarters Detachment of the 36th Infantry Division, composed of residents of Austin, has been assembled in formation to participate in this award of a bronze meritorious service plaque from the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. The plaque is in testimony of the loyal, helpful and extremely beneficial support of the National Guard rendered the Austin area by Radio Station KVET.

Camp Mabry, where this ceremony is taking place, is the home of the Texas National Guard. Here, in 1898, elements of the American Volunteer Army were trained for service in the Spanish-American War. The post has served throughout the fifty-five years following as the Headquarters of the citizen-soldier forces of the Headquarters of the famous 36th (Texas) Infantry Division.

In 1952 Radio Station KVET of Austin was asked to present as public service, announcements of items of information concerning the National Guard. Responding patriotically to this request for assistance, Station KVET carried

news and announcements of the opportunities awaiting young men who serve their Nation in the National Guard.

Throughout 1952 and 1953, Station KVET faithfully and accurately informed the public concerning matters of vital interest to the National Defense Program.

As a result of these announcements, the membership of the National Guard stands at an all time high and is still growing.

Present to make the award of the Bronze Meritorious Service Plaque is Brigadier General James E. Taylor of Austin, who commands the 36th Division Artillery.

General Taylor's distinguished career as a citizen-soldier began in the Texas National Guard. He enlisted in the 36th Division Artillery as a private in December 1938. During World War II he rose to command the 131st Field Artillery Battalion of the 36th Division throughout its campaigns of World War II.

Present also is Brigadier General Robert M. Ives of Houston, Texas, who is the Assistant Division Commander of the 36th Infantry Division. General Ives began his military career as an enlisted man in 1918. He served with the New York National Guard until 1933 at which time he was appointed in the Texas National Guard and the 36th Division, and has served continuously from that time.



COLONEL DONALD W. PEACOCK

Col. Peacock Appointed To Governor's State Guard Advisory Board

Governor Allan Shivers has appointed Col. Donald W. Peacock to the Texas State Guard Advisory Board to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Major General J. Wyatt Page, one of Texas' most distinguished soldiers.

The Governors State Guard Advisory Board was created in 1948 by act of the Legislature, and is provided for in Section 3, Article 5891c, as Amended, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. It provides for a board of 10 members to meet with the Adjutant General of Texas and the Commanding General of the Texas State Guard Reserve Corps to consider and advise the Governor upon all policies pertaining to the TSGRC, including tables of organization, procurement and promotion of officers and enlisted personnel, inactive duty training, and all matters pertaining to policies of TSGRC.

Other members of the Advisory Board, which will hold its annual meeting the latter part of January, are Lt. General Preston A. Weathered and Major General Albert S. Johnson of Dallas; Major General Miller Ainsworth of Luling; Major General Ike Ashburn and Colonel Charles O. Betts of Austin; Major General Raymond Phelps of San Antonio; Major General Lloyd M. Bentsen, Sr., of Mission; Brig. General Edward D. Konken of Houston; and Brig. General Allen D. Rooke of San Antonio.



TEXAS STATE GUARD RESERVE CORPS

Reorganization of Texas State Guard Reserve Corps Announced



CAPTAIN DON LAWRENCE

Pistol Expert On Guard Association Program At Ft. Worth

Captain Don Lawrence, Supply Officer and Firearms Instructor of the Texas Highway Patrol, entertained delegates to the State Guard Association Convention in Fort Worth with a 30-minute exhibition of shooting skill.

Captain Lawrence is rated as one of the country's foremost artists with pistol and revolver. He has held, at various times 12 national records and currently holds six national titles. He is in command of the Texas Highway Patrol Pistol Team and has charge of all firearms training for the several enforcement divisions of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Under his direction there has never been an accident in the firearms training program of the department.

Audiences throughout the nation have seen Lawrence perform in personal appearances on television and in newsreels and his exhibition has proven a "hit" on all occasions.

The captain will be introduced and his act mc'd by his superior, J. W. Elliott, chief of the Texas Highway Patrol.

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Effective 2 January 1954 with the publishing of General Orders No. 2 by The Adjutant General's Department, the Texas State Guard Reserve Corps, under the command of Major General Lloyd M. Bentsen, Sr., has been re-organized to comprise three brigades, three separate regiments, and three separate security battalions, with a total authorized strength of 12,700 officers and enlisted men. Corps Headquarters continues to be located at Beacon Hill Station, San Antonio, with Colonel Donald W. Peacock as Chief of Staff.

THE 1ST BRIGADE, under the command of Brig. General Edward D. Konken of Houston, now includes the 7th Regiment under the command of Colonel Vincent Chiodo, the 8th Regiment under the command of Colonel James M. Delmar, and the 301st Security Battalion (separate) at Beaumont, under the command of Lt. Colonel Robert O. Williams. The 7th Regimental Headquarters was formerly located at Texarkana, Texas. Col. Delmar has been named as Deputy Commander of the 1st Brigade, in addition to his other duties.

THE 2ND BRIGADE, under the command of Brig. General Allen D. Rooke of Woodboro and San Antonio (also Corps Deputy Commander to General Bentsen), now includes the 9th Regiment under the command of Colonel Hobart Huson of Refugio, the 10th Regiment under the command of Colonel William J. Lawson of Austin, the 11th Regiment under the command of Colonel Jacob A. Harris of San Antonio, and the 12th Regiment under the command of Colonel John H. Vertrees of Donna.

THE 3RD BRIGADE, under the command of Brig. Gen. Marshall H. Kennady of Ft. Worth, includes the 5th Regiment (also commanded by Col. Kennady), the 6th Regiment at Dallas under the command of Colonel Harold B. Younger, the 601st Security Battalion (separate) at Marshall under the command of Lt. Colonel John F. Lentz, and the 602nd Security Battalion (separate) at Tyler under the command of Lt. Colonel Dugger Ray. The 5th Regiment includes a battalion at Wichita Falls under the command of Lt. Colonel Stephen E. Marchand, and a

battalion at Corsicana under the command of Lt. Colonel Byford L. Cook.

Separate Regiments

SEPARATE REGIMENTS, under the direct command of the Commanding General, are the 1st Regiment with headquarters at Lubbock under the command of Colonel Walter F. Smith, the 2nd Regiment with headquarters at El Paso under the command of Lt. Colonel James P. Turner, and the 4th Regiment with headquarters at Abilene under the command of Colonel Jesse L. Warren.

The 1st Regiment has battalions at Amarillo and Lubbock and its area includes all of the Panhandle. The 2nd Regiment has battalions at El Paso and Pecos.

All regimental areas are identical to existing State Disaster Districts, except that in some cases the regimental area may include two or more disaster districts.

General and Special Staffs

THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL STAFFS include the following:

Colonel Donald W. Peacock, Chief of Staff; Colonel Carl C. Hardin, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff; Colonel Charles L. Gamble, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1; Colonel Weldon Hart, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2; Colonel Royal G. Phillips, Provost Marshal General; Colonel Charles O. Betts, Judge Advocate General; Colonel Harry S. Pollard, Deputy Judge Advocate General; Colonel A. A. Cooper, Chief of Communications; Colonel Raymond Brooks; Colonel Leopold J. Bujnowski, Chief of Chaplains; Lt. Colonel Clyde S. Dougherty, Headquarters Commandant; Lt. Colonel James B. Burleson, ROTC Liaison Officer; Major Ray Faltinson, Engineer Officer; and Major Ray L. Powell, Aide to the Commanding General.

The State Guard Radio Network operating on 2726 kilocycles under authority of the Federal Communications Commissions now has over 100 Fixed Stations and over 100 mobile units. "Key Stations" are KKE 572 at San Antonio (Corps Headquarters), KKE 423 at Woodboro (TSG Radio Headquarters), and KH 323 at Austin (Adjutant General's Department).

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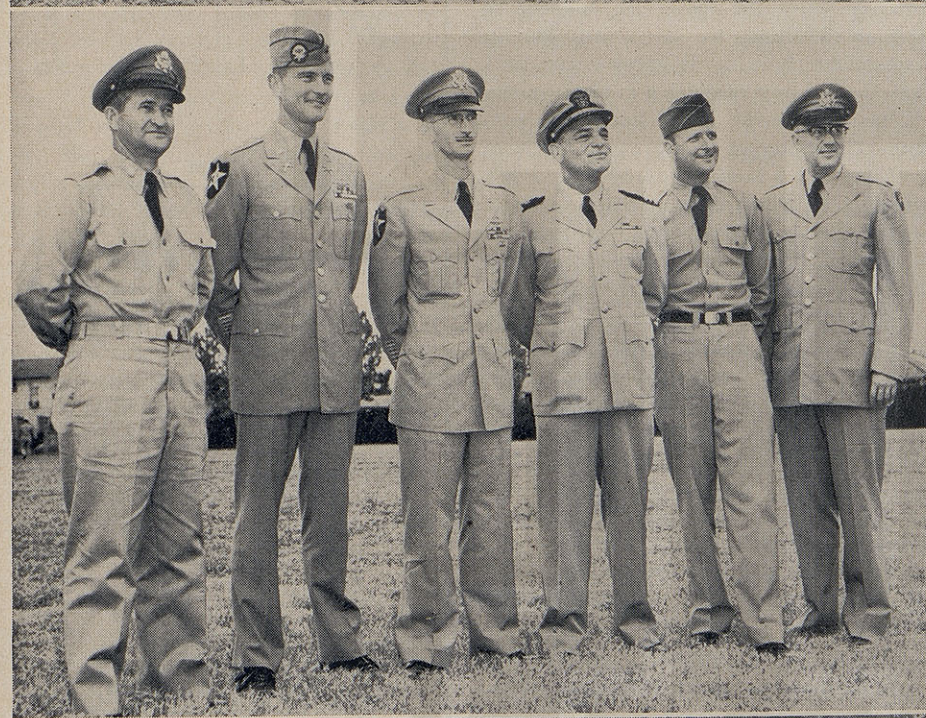
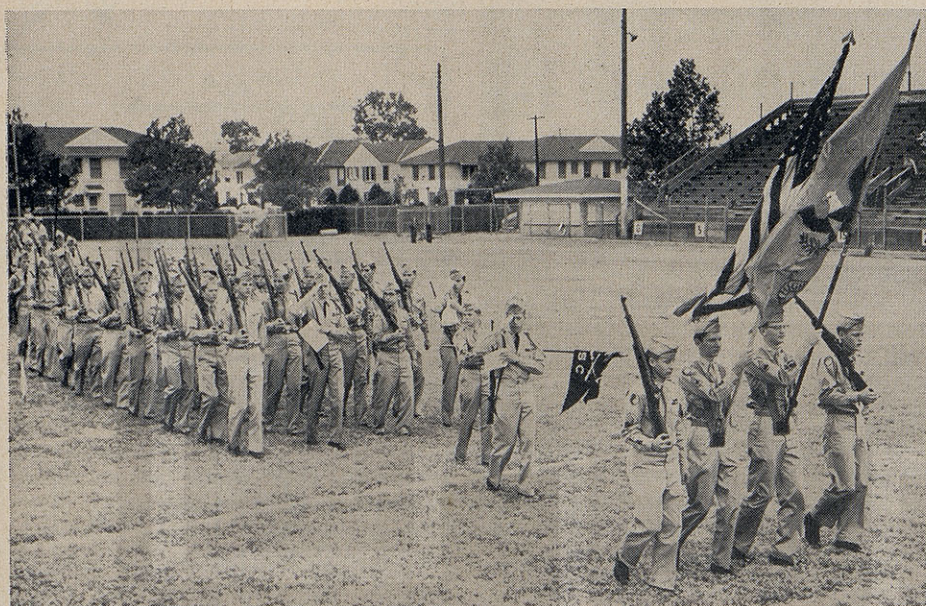
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R.O.T.C ON PARADE



Activities in the ROTC Section are concentrated largely in the months of October, November and May of each year, as the students in our high schools and colleges commence and complete their school year. On 20 October 1953, the cadet officers of the 5th Infantry Regiment, Junior ROTC at Highland Park High School, Dallas, received their commissions from the PMS&T and then passed in review before the inspecting officers.

Among the visiting officers at Highland Park High School as shown in Picture No. 2, left to right, are:

Major Newman F. Casey, TSGRC, Assistant Commandant; Capt. Carl T. Earles, USA, Assistant PMS&T; Major Lloyd A. Brown, USA, PMS&T; Lt. Com. Floyd Hightower, USNR, Commandant; Lt. Col. Glenn A. Doolittle, USAF, PAS&9, SMU; Lt. Col. James B. Burleson, TSGRC, ROTC Liaison Officer.

On 11 November 1953 (Armistice Day) the 7th Infantry Regiment, Junior ROTC at Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas, had as their distinguished guest, Hon. J. Frank Wilson, member of Congress from Dallas. Mr. Wilson formerly attended Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio and his son was a member of the Cadet Corps at Woodrow Wilson High School. In a letter to your ROTC Liaison Officer, Mr. Wilson says "I immensely enjoyed the Armistice Day parade and we are extremely proud of Woodrow Wilson High School. It is the largest in the country and has an outstanding ROTC unit."

Picture No. 3 shows the guests in the reviewing stand, left to right:

Lt. Col. Glenn A. Doolittle, USAF; Major Lloyd A. Brown, USA; Cadet Col. W. F. Howard, Woodrow Wilson High; Congressman J. Frank Wilson; Lt. Col. James B. Burleson, TSGRC.

Date for the fall school term award presentation ceremony was 23 November 1953 at the Cadet Corps at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Outstanding Air Science and Military Science students and members of the rifle team received awards from Brig. Gen. Edward G. Farrand, Assistant Division Commander, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Representing the TSGRC in the reviewing stand on that occasion was Lt. Col. James B. Burleson.



Signals From The Chief of Communications

COL. A. A. COOPER — Communications Officer, GHQ, TSGRC



Hidden Transmitter Hunts or ... What To Do On Sunday Afternoon

Every area Communications Officer finds that after periods of high activity interest seems to wane and it becomes difficult to keep stations on the air and hold the group's interest at a high level. A number of projects have, of course, been tried.

We have field problems, simulated emergencies, traffic control problems, joint problems with other agencies, such as Civil Defense and Civil Air Patrol and other activities designated to increase the operation efficiency of our Radio Communications Section. However, no matter how fertile the mind may be, eventually any one will run out of good ideas, then comes the period of inactivity when very few fixed stations are heard on the air and mobiles all seem to stay in the garage, that is when the Communications Officer pulls his hair and develops ulcers, wondering how to stir up a little activity in his group.

Well, sit back and relax. Here is the answer to your activity problems if you can just once get it started and get a guy with a mobile receiver to accumulate a little gear and give it one trial, the simple answer, find the hidden transmitter. Those who have never been on a hidden transmitter hunt have a new thrill in Radio Communications in store for them, and aside from the entertainment angle locating a hidden transmitter is valuable operation training for every man in the communications section.

Equipment needed can be either very simple or quite complex, actually all that is needed is for some one to go down an alley or behind a clump of brush and start yakking into a transmitter microphone. He doesn't tell anyone where he is, in fact if he is like most of the hidden transmitter operators that I know, the information he puts out will be misleading to say the least. Then the gang with receivers tuned to his frequency starts trying to find him, and here is what you need to do the job.

The very simplest thing that is worthwhile to try is some sort of signal strength indicating meter that will show an increase in signal strength as you drive closer to the transmitter. This can

be a simple device such as shown in Diagram No. 1. This is easy to install in any existing receiver. The main trouble with it being that it is relatively insensitive, however, it will work and many hidden transmitters have been located with nothing more than this.

A little more elaborate system and one that is adequate for all needs is shown in Diagram No. 2. This arrangement is quite sensitive and can be adjusted to show a signal change of a very few microvolts. It is simple to build, and another thing the meter is inexpensive and in addition to its usefulness in transmitter hunting it gives a constant indication of any receiver signal strength.

The instrument I use and have permanently installed in my car is built in a utility box 6 inches high by 3½ inches wide by 2 inches deep. This is a little larger than necessary but my original model was dry battery operated with batteries inside. The unit connects to the receiver through a standard 4 contact plug for easy removal. The input to the grid of the tube ties into the main AVC circuit right at the AVC rectifier.

For optimum operation a switch should be installed to disconnect the AVC from the receiver and leave it applied to the indicating unit. Of course in areas of extremely strong signal it will be necessary to leave this switch in the receiver AVC position, or install an RF gain control.

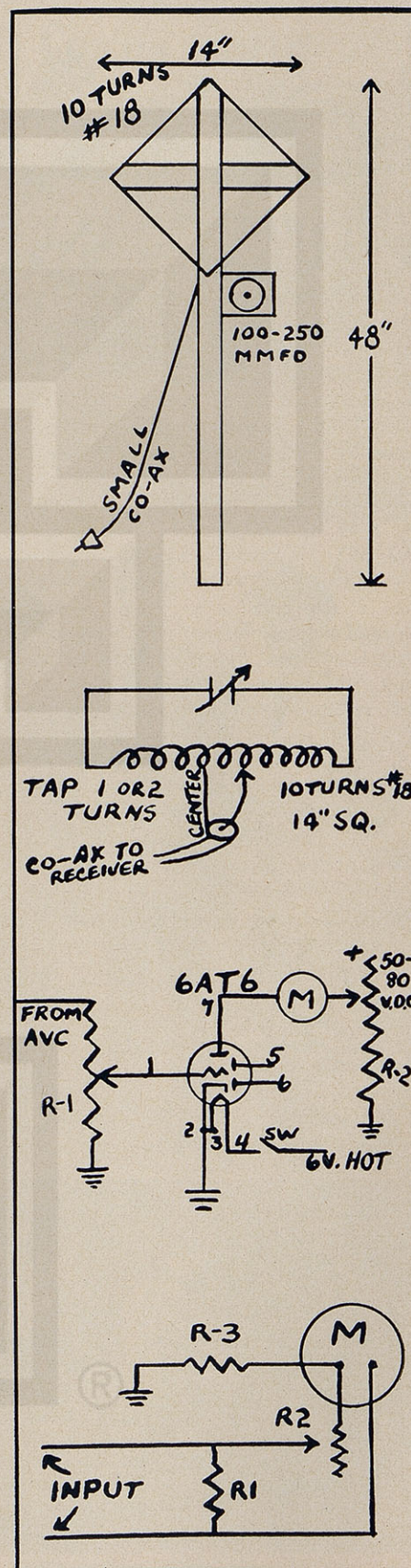
The reason for disconnecting the AVC from the receiver is that with increases in signal input we have an increase in AVC, consequently a reduction in re-

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Diagram No. 1 (see text)

SIMPLE SIGNAL STRENGTH METER—Install in series with B to plate of one TWO AVC 1F stages. Diagram No. 2.

SENSATIVE SIGNAL STRENGTH METER—Meter reads towards zero on stronger signal. Adjust R2 for full scale no signal; Adjust R1 for required deflection with signal. R1—1 meg—R2 250 K—M—200 microamperes, SW—single pole single throw.



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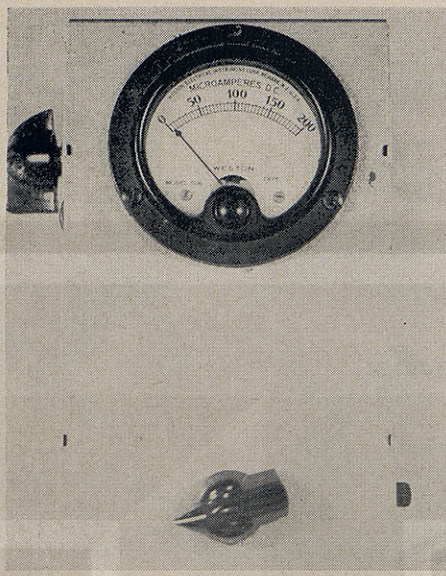
ceiver gain, which has a tendency to level off the AVC voltage until it is possible to eventually cut off the AVC controlled stages, commonly called blocking. This, of course, could be eliminated by the use of an RF gain control, however, with receivers running on manual RF control, no AVC, each change, however slight in received signal, causes a corresponding change in the rectified voltage. This changing voltage applied to the grid of the indicating unit will cause a plate current change of wide variation with respect to minute changes in input signals.

Now for the direction in which to look, or which way did he go. Loops are, of course, the answer and again this phase can be as simple or as elaborate as the hunter wishes. Most of the fellows use a simple loop built on a piece of three-quarter inch square wood about three feet long. They plug the feeder from it into the receiver and drive down the road holding the loop out of the window. Me, I do it differently. On the front of my car I installed a bracket to support the loop in an easily rotatable bearing. I run a length of speedometer cable up to the front seat of the car, put a knob on it and sit in comfort through chilly afternoons while I hunt the transmitter. This has another advantage also, strain of holding a loop in the air while traveling at even 30 or 40 miles an hour, becomes quite tiring, and if your driver gets a little enthusiastic and steps on it, it is really something.

For the construction of the loop for 2726 KC, I suggest the following dimensions: The upright support of the loop,



a length of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch square wood about 4 feet long, with a 14-inch cross piece



down 7 inches from the top. Bore nine small holes through the upright support 7 inches below the crosspiece and wrap on ten turns of small diameter, No. 18 approximately, wire. Mount a tuning condenser, 100 MMFD, or so, at the bottom part of the loop and connect it to the two ends of the wire. It may be necessary to pad this condenser some to resonate at 2726 KC.

Use a low impedance shielded cable for your feeder to the transmitter. Connect the shield to the bottom of the center turn and lap the inner conductor one or two turns to either side of center, this gives balanced operation. Plug the loop into your receiver and peak the tuning condenser for maximum signal strength or maximum background noise and you are in business.

You will find that the signal strength maxima is in line with the loop and is quite broad. The signal minima, or null, is broadside to the loop and will be very sharp. If the loop is exactly resonant and balanced the null will be the same on either side of the loop. However, some slight unidirectional effect may be had at the sacrifice of some sensitivity by detuning the loop on the high capacity side of resonance, then a deeper null will be obtained off one side of the loop at all times.

Well, that is the picture. Make it simple to start and if the bug bites you, as it has everyone else that I know of that tried this silly stuff, you will also have gadgets strung all over the car.

By the way, one of the fellows here is using a Ferro stick in place of a loop and it is really doing swell. If any of you want more information we can describe it and some other equipment in another article.

Four Radio Units Approved For TSGRC

Corps Headquarters, Texas State Guard Reserve Corps, has received authority from the Adjutant General of Texas, Major General K. L. Berry, to organize four radio units of 25 officers and men each, one for Corps Headquarters, and one each for the three brigade headquarters in the corps.

This authority was granted in recognition of the rapid growth of the Texas State Guard Radio Network and the urgent need for additional experienced radio engineers and technicians to properly maintain this vital section of the corps. At the present time there are over 100 fixed stations located in all parts of the state, and over 100 mobile units installed in privately-owned automobiles of members of the TSG Reserve Corps.

Licensed by authority of the Federal Communications Commission to operate on 2726 kilocycles, the three "key stations" are KKE 572 at San Antonio (Corps Headquarters), KKE 423 at Woodsboro (State Guard Radio Headquarters), and KKH 323 at Austin (Adjutant General's Office Station located at Camp Mabry).

Commanding Officer of GHQ Radio Unit at Woodsboro will be Major James P. Hanway, Assistant Chief of Communications; the 1st Brigade Radio Unit will be located at Houston as soon as a commanding officer is selected by Brig. General Edward D. Konken, commanding general of the 1st Brigade. The 2nd Brigade Radio Unit will be commanded by Lt. Colonel William H. Meiners of Edinburg (KKH 324), and the 3rd Brigade Radio Unit will be commanded by Lt. Colonel Durward J. Tucker of Dallas (KKI 506).

Colonel A. A. Cooper, Chief of Communications, TSGRC, will exercise command and administration over all four radio units.

Write, wire or phone your representative in Congress to support Senate Bill S. 2196; House of Representatives Bill H.R. 6224. This legislation will authorize Federal Support for State Guard organizations in all states and territories.

The National Guard Association has indorsed the bill, it is now pending in the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. Let your Congressman know that YOU are for the legislation, urge that the bills be given immediate consideration.

The Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol

MAJOR H. C. BOREN, *Editor*

AUXILIARY, U. S. AIR FORCE

Wing Celebrates Twelfth Birthday

The Texas Wing of the U. S. Air Force's Civil Air Patrol celebrated its 12th anniversary, and the 12th birthday of the National C.A.P. last month.

The C.A.P. birthday was observed at the weekly staff meeting at the Dallas headquarters of the organization and at various meetings of squadrons over the state. Col. James L. Camp, Wing Commander, said the observance at Dallas was coupled with a double check of the all-important C.A.P. machinery for search and rescue missions and for civil defense.

"The Civil Air Patrol is determined to be alert at all times, to keep our guard up, so to speak, in continuing our important mission as an auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force," said Col. Camp.

Colonel Camp pointed out that the 80,000 members of the C.A.P. in the nation next Tuesday will be able to look back over a dozen years of important volunteer service to the United States and Aviation with a feeling of pride.

"The C.A.P., the good right arm of Uncle Sam's Air Rescue Service today, originated in an executive order from the President on December 1, 1941—only six days before the attack on Pearl Harbor," said Col. Camp.

First assigned to the Office of Civil Defense, C.A.P. was organized by a group of patriotic private pilots, who saw the need for a home front air arm to fly liaison and courier service, border patrol, anti-sabotage patrol and other non-combatant missions.

"Early in 1942, a few stalwarts, led by Gill Robb Wilson, now editor and publisher of *Flying* magazine, got together with Gen. Henry (Hap) Arnold, chief of the Army Air Force," said Col. Camp. "Shipping was being sunk, left and right, off the Atlantic and Gulf ports by U-boat packs, while the Army and Navy were hard-pressed to provide the necessary anti-sub air cover."

During a three-month test period, 2 C.A.P. volunteers gave their lives in combatting the submarine peril," said Col. Camp, "but they did a great deal



COL. JAMES CAMP, commanding officer of the Texas Wing of the CAP, left, is shown pinning the bars on Captain Janis Romanio, Wing Development Officer, at Dallas recently, after awarding promotions to three other officers of the outfit, left to right: Second Lieutenant Marie Joerger, Lieutenant Colonel James Connor, comptroller, and Lieutenant Colonel James Burleson, Commandant of Cadets for the Texas Wing.

toward stopping U-boats from sinking our ships along our coasts."

When asked why the subs stopped sinking allied shipping within sight of our coasts, a high German official after the war paid tribute to the C.A.P. planes by snapping, "It was those damn little red and yellow planes."

Col. Camp said those little red and yellow planes, practically all of them owned by the C.A.P. members, are still ready at a moment's notice to fly to the assistance or the defense of the nation.

"Our 48,000 cadets and 36,000 officers and senior members, with their thousands of light planes, are today observing a 24-hour, round the clock schedule to be ready whenever called by the military or civilian authorities for aid," said Col. Camp. "The C.A.P., during the first half of this year, flew 78 per cent of the air searches for downed military, civilian and commercial aircraft in the United States, and we are stepping up our operations today."

The Texas Guardsman welcomes the Texas Wing, Civil Air Patrol to the official publication of the internal security forces of Texas.

All members of CAP are urged to cooperate with Maj. Horace C. Boren, Wing PIO. The dead line for copy is the 20th of each month prior to publication. Get your news and "gossip" items in—send along a photograph.

Operation Sarcap Huge Success

The 47th Air Rescue Squadron of the Air Force's A.R.S., Ellington Field, Houston, has announced that a score of 131 points—the highest ever made in a search and rescue practice mission by the Civil Air Patrol in Texas—was established in the recent "Power Puff" sarcap at Austin, Texas.

The sarcap was the first such event in the history of the Civil Air Patrol ever planned and directed entirely by the women of the C.A.P.

The 131 score, out of a possible 150 points, was the second highest score ever made in a sarcap in the Southwest Region of the C.A.P., announced Col. James L. Camp, Texas Wing Commander for the organization. The highest score ever made in such a simulated search and rescue mission was 132, scored by the Louisiana Wing.

Major Marion Guiberson of Dallas, assistant director of Operation for the Texas Wing, was mission commander of the Austin squadron of the C.A.P. and his staff, aided by Lt. Col. Joseph F. Braun of Waco, commander of Group 15 of the C.A.P., were hosts for the

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SR. MEMBER JANE PACE of Dallas, left, and **ARS Captain James Jermigan** of Houston, are shown checking over operations details in connection with the recent "Powderpuff" Sarcap at Austin, staged by the Texas Wing of the Air Force's Civil Air Patrol. One of the objectives of such simulated missions of the C.A.P. is to coordinate the efforts of the organization with that of the Air Force's Air Rescue Service.

... Operation Sarcap

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event. First Lt. Joy Basey of Austin was in charge of local arrangements.

Participating in the event were 250 members of the C.A.P., gathered from all parts of Texas, around 100 light planes and 50 cadets from the C.A.P. squadrons in the Austin area.

Assisting Major Guiberson in direction of the sarcap were 1st Lt. Florence Willess of Dallas, Capt. Orlean Sellers of Dallas, Capt. Martha Ann Reading of Dallas, Major Aliene Keating of Dallas, 1st Lt. Etta MacDonald, W/O Irene Smith of Dallas and Lt. Col. Josephine Allison of Dallas.

Despite bad weather at Austin, the sarcap was carried out efficiently by Major Guiberson and her all-girl staff. The problem was presented to the C.A.P. by the Air Force's Air Rescue Service. Observers from the 47th Air Rescue Squadron were on hand to grade the performance.

Headquarters for the sarcap were established at the Austin municipal airport, using the facilities of the Ragsdale Flying service.

Registration was completed Friday night and the event was launched Saturday morning. All of the lost objects, hidden about in the vast hill country of central Texas by the A.R.S., were located by the C.A.P. fliers Saturday. The sarcap was closed with a banquet.

"The C.A.P. holds such practice missions periodically, to keep our search and



C.A.P. 1ST LT. EVELYN PRINCE of Dallas, assistant director of personnel for the Texas Wing, "doubled" as a radio operator during the recent all-girl sarcap at Austin.

rescue machinery in good working order," said Col. Camp, at the conclusion of the sarcap, "and it was very gratifying to find out that our efficient women of the organization are capable of taking over the work of our men wherever needed."

Officers of the A.R.S. expressed amazement at the work done by the women of the C.A.P., from early Saturday morning until nightfall, without a letup, and were high in their praise at the performance.

Sunday afternoon, following completion of the sarcap, the A.R.S. carried out a flying demonstration that attracted a good crowd to the Austin airport.

The C.A.P. carries out 70 percent of the air search and rescue missions for the Air Force, working closely with the A.R.S. at Ellington Field, Houston, on searches in Texas.

Boren Named On National Board

The Public Information Officer of the Texas Wing of the Air Force's Civil Air Patrol, Major Horace C. Boren of Dallas, has been named to a 12-officer national C.A.P. public relations committee, Major Gen. Lucas V. Beau, national commander of the organization, has announced at Washington, D. C.

Major Boren, who is a new associate editor of *The Texas Guardsman*, is publicity representative of Braniff International Airways and is a former editor

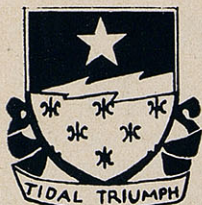


MAJOR HORACE C. BOREN, P.I.O. of the Texas Wing of the C.A.P., above, who holds the speed record for a round the world flight on commercial airlines, has been named to a new National C.A.P. Public Relations committee by Major General Lucas V. Beau, National Commander of the C.A.P. Major Boren, a new associate editor of the *TEXAS GUARDSMAN*, recently completed a 22,000-mile flight around the world in only 99 hours and 16 minutes.

of the Associated Press. As a member of the new C.A.P. committee, Major Boren will act as public relations counsel to the National C.A.P. Commander, the C.A.P. National Executive Board and the C.A.P. National Board. The first meeting of the new committee will be at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 12, during the next National Executive Board meeting.

The Texas Wing P.I.O. recently completed the fastest flight around the world on commercial airlines in the history of aviation to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the C.A.P., the 25th anniversary of Braniff and the 50th anniversary of Powered Flight.

Major Boren established a new world's record of 99 hours and 16 minutes for the 22,000-mile flight, using the regular flights of T.W.A., from New York to London, the new B.O.A.C. Comet Jetliner from London to Tokyo, and Northwest Airlines from Tokyo back to New York. Major Boren's flight was the first such flight in history under 100 hours.



136th Tank Battalion

MAJ. CHAS. E. HUDSON, Editor



By 1ST. LT. A. J. KEINARTH

Above is picture of the new distinctive insignia for the 136th Tank Bn, approved by the Department of Army 30 July 1953.

DESCRIPTION: Yellow is the present color for Armor, and green was used for Armored units at the time of the organization's redesignation to a Tank Battalion. The star on the red field represents the Artillery units of the Texas NG from which the 636th Tank Destroyer Bn was formed. The *fleurs-de-lis* scattered over the lower part of the shield are for the many battle engagements in Europe during World War II. The lightning flash is a symbol of force and striking power.

MOTTO: Tidal Triumph.

Members of the Tank Battalion will receive the insignia in the very near future. We of this battalion feel that we have a fine, honorable, and distinctive history, of which we are very proud. Wear the crest with pride, know what it stands for and don't be backward about telling others about it.

We are the proud possessors of two new M-47's and one new T-41 recon tank. These tanks were received in November 1953. I know most of you feel as I do, and are anxious to work with them this coming summer at Fort Hood. Most of you who haven't seen it fired will be in for a pleasant surprise. They are as accurate as a .30 cal. rifle and can knock an enemy tank out of action way out in left field.

Congrats to Lieutenants Kondrat and Kossa on their new silver bars. Both are previous service enlisted men and are well deserving and qualified for their advancements.

The Battalion Officer's part at Altair, Texas, on the 18th of December was a big success. Everyone had a fine time, and we received a demonstration of the new teen-age dance called "Be-Bop." The kids seemed to be enjoying themselves, but for me, I'll take the old fashioned way (guess I'm getting to be an old fogey.).

We are all sorry to see Sfc. Fred Irle leave us, but we are plenty pleased to see he is entering the service with a Sergeant's rating. A unit commander has to give some consideration to seniority of men in his unit for promotion, but

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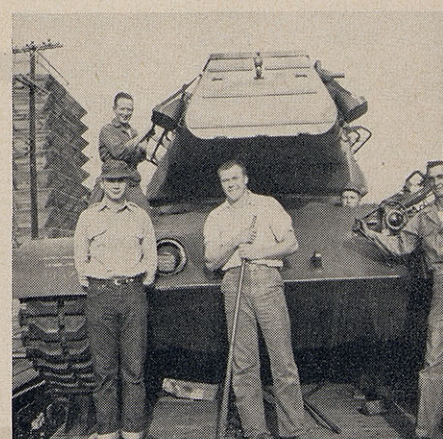
LT. COLONEL FRANKE, Battalion Commander, presenting meritorious service plaque to Culp Krueger, local radio station owner. Others from left to right: VFW District Commander Gene Glass; Former Tank Bn Mess Sergeant Leon E. Cry (also served with Company L, 143rd Infantry during World War II); County Sheriff Mike Flournoy; 9th District Legion Commander Buck Pierce; American Legion Post 251 Commander Marvin Hickman; Former Tank Bn Intel & Comm Sergeant Robert Hathaway (also served in Paratroops in World War II); and Major E. L. Roy, Fourth Army Inspector General.

a smart unit commander will choose the best man for the job, so I feel that Sgt. Irle and any other good Guardsman entering the service will have the opportunity to move up the ranks.

Your training in this battalion is excellent. Any school publication you pick up shows that the Guardsmen are on a level and above regular service personnel in the respective courses. Sfc. Irle and 2d Lt. Wood graduated first in their classes at Fort Knox this past year.

This battalion received its Federal Inspection from 7 to 10 Dec 53, and in my opinion was far better over-all than in previous years. We were inspected by Major E. L. Roy of Fourth Army.

The local firing squad participated in two military funerals the past month in conjunction with the VFW and American Legion. The escort was commanded by W/O A. J. Benner, the Battalion Administrative Assistant.



MEMBERS OF BATTALION getting ready to move M 47 tank from boxcar to armory. BOG W/O Benner, Driver SFC Shula. In front of tank from left to right, Cpl. Williams, SFC Irle, and SFC Berryhill.

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141st Infantry Association

WO. G. T. FLEET, Jr., Unit Reporter

Company I Wins Frank Bros. Trophy

Amassing a total of 1,174 points, Co "I" of Luling, commanded by 2d Lt. Robert A. Reynolds, edged out a close second place Hq Co, 3d Bn team, to win the .22 Cal. Rifle Match sponsored by Frank Brothers Department store of San Antonio.

It was a close, hard-fought battle with the second place team only 15 points behind and pushed hard by third place Tank Co with a total of 1,148 points, 26 points behind the winners.

The Frank Brothers Trophy was originally a .30 Cal. match begun in 1937. During the war years the competition was discontinued, and then begun again in 1951 as a Postal .22 Cal. shoot.

On the evening of January 11th, this coveted trophy was presented to the winning team by Col. E. D. McCall, Regimental Commander. Each team member received a handsome medal, appropriately engraved. Also taking part in the presentation was Mr. Hubert L. Ewing, manager of Frank Brothers Military Department and Mr. Vernon Walker, also of Frank Brothers and Assistant S-4 for the Regiment.

Other dignitaries present included Lt. Col. Armin F. Puck, Regimental Ex O; Lt. Col. Jack T. Brown, CO, 3d Bn; and Major Henry A. Silverman, the Regimental Adjutant and S-1.

Team members and their individual scores include: M/Sgt. Herman C. Miller, 241; Cpl. Worth D. Ross, 240; Sgt. Wesley R. Daniels, Jr., 237; M/Sgt. James W. Powell, 230; and Cpl. John D. Janca, 226.

M/Sg. "Snitz" Schneider now full-fledged movie projection operator.

M/Sgt. Louis "Crash" Hernandez of B Co doing a lot of walking lately.

EM and Officers of Sv Co challenging each other to a .22 shoot.

Sgt. Wayne L. Stewart new AS&MT in George Company.

141st Golden Gloves boxing team looking sharp.

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THE 1ST BN, 141ST INFANTRY will be represented in the regional Golden Gloves tournament in San Antonio this year. The team, left to right, includes Joe Salazar, Manuel Neira, Cecilio Flores, Johnny Martinez, Charlie Rivas, Manuel Cantu, Daniel Flores and Frank Riley. These boys promise to rival Lackland and San Antonio Boy's Club for team honors.
—Express Sportsphoto

New M-47 Tanks Now Being Used In Training Guardsmen At Laredo

Two new M-47 (Patton) tanks have been received from the Lima Tank Depot by Tank Company, 141st Infantry, of Laredo, and have been placed in operation for training use by the unit.

The M-47s will replace World War II type Sherman tanks which have been used for training by the unit. The new mediums weigh nearly 50 tons when combat loaded, and are equipped with 90 millimeter high velocity guns and several machine guns, and carry a crew of five.

The tanks arrived in Laredo by rail, both being loaded on one U. S. Army flat car, and after being unloaded were driven to the Armory at Laredo Air Force Base, where they were inspected.

The vehicles are completely equipped, and cost over \$190,000 each. Tank Company is now equipped with late type vehicles, having previously received new jeeps and 2½-ton trucks with hydraulic drive.

Picture Contest Gets Results

That's right! Results! But no winners. As you may remember, of the 59 men pictured in the 1939 photo of Co A, we were able to identify all but seven. Sixteen readers mailed letters to the Rabbit Twister, but none were able to identify the "elusive seven." The comments received ranged from, "I recognize so and so" to "who was able to remember names of 14 years."

Fortunately, three of the men pictured are still with us here in San Antonio. Colonel McCall, Major Silverman and Major Carrigo knocked heads one afternoon, compared memories, dug up other old photos to compare, and finally agreed on all but the unknown seven.

We have had a lot of fun—hope you have too.



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Promotions

M/Sergeant

D. M. Hensley, Co M
C. Blackmore, Jr., Co D
F. Guajardo, Co D

Sergeant First Class

C. C. Hannes, Mort Co
J. B. Alvarado, Mort Co
E. C. Perez, Co D
F. G. Castro, Co F
J. O. Garza, Co F
H. H. Holzapfel, Co M
E. R. Vasquez, Co B
G. Leal, Med Co
F. J. Riley, Med Co

Sergeant

J. M. Roscoe, Jr., Med Co
J. Villarreal, Jr., Med Co
R. D. Smith, Hq Co 3rd Bn
A. G. Moncado, Mort Co
L. Esquivel, Co D
G. Saldana, Jr., Co F
J. Ruiz, Co F
A. J. Caldwell, Jr., Co E
T. N. Buckley, Co E
W. F. Fitzsimmons, Co E
L. H. Chambers, Co I



Book "Larners"

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Sgt. J. E. Brown, Co I
SFC J. S. Gonzales, Tk Co
Pfc. R. Sanchez, Co M
Pvt. C. M. Culbertson, Mort Co
Pvt. G. Ruiz, Co F
Sgt. S. A. Billings, Mort Co
Cpl. H. Cruz, Jr., Co B
M/Sgt. E. A. Leal, Med Co

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2nd Lt. C. S. Browning, Co B
2nd Lt. S. R. Aldape, Co D

Rumor has it that Major Bradley, S-2, smokes stogies while in the shower.

CWO Walker, Asst S-4, and title-holder "best dressed man in 141st" is sporting new officers overcoat with gloves.

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FROM OUT OF THE PAST

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the twelfth in a series of articles about the illustrious history of the 141st Infantry).

Velletri and the Fall of Rome

When relieved from positions in the mountains north of Cassino, we moved by truck to a rest area near Pratella. On March 6, 1944, we moved to Maddaloni, Italy, near the palace of Caserta, and near Naples, to begin an intensive rebuilding and retraining program. The program was continued with mountain training at Celzi, near Avellino and Salerno, where we remained from April 18, 1944 until we moved to Qualiano, north of Naples, on May 8, 1944. We were ready for commitment in the Fifth Army offensive which was to meet with greater success than we had before experienced in Italy.

We closed into our assigned area at the Anzio Beachhead on May 22, 1944, moving in LST's, LCI's and other landing craft from Naples to Anzio.

Our arrival at the Anzio Beachhead could hardly have been called secret. "Sally" reliable as ever, broadcast her welcome to us.

Moving on the night of May 25, 1944, we left the area three miles northeast of Anzio and closed into position about one mile northeast of Cisterna.

On May 27, 1944, we began to advance gradually in the sector in the direction of Velletri, in order to maintain contact with elements on our right. On May 28, 1944, we took 18 prisoners after only brief skirmishing. On this date the line extended approximately southwest to northeast, about two and a half miles from the southeast corner of Velletri. The advance was continued after repelling two counterattacks supported by tanks, and on May 30, 1944, we were relieved in line by the 36th Engineer (Combat) Regiment in preparation for execution of the Division Commander's plan for the envelopment of Velletri.

The plan was that our Regiment, operating on the Division's left flank, was to by-pass Velletri to the north, cut off the enemy-held roads leading out of the city, and assault the strongpoint from two sides in a coordinated attack. One of our battalions was to maintain blocks on the Velletri-Valmontone road and secure the flanks of the Division during the infiltration of the other two regiments through the gap.

The movement of our battalions to ac-

complish our assigned mission was begun at 1600 hours, May 30, 1944. Slowly they advanced along the lower slopes of Mount Artesemo and north of the Velletri road against infiltrating enemy detachments and heavy artillery fire from Velletri. Snipers seemed to be everywhere.

Our 1st Battalion, which had already started feeling out the enemy positions during May 31, 1944, launched a full scale assault against Velletri on June 1, 1944. In 24 hours of fighting the battalion threw 24 tons of ammunition against the town. The 1st Battalion bypassed the town and took up positions west as the 2nd Battalion completed the mop-up of the fallen bastion by midnight of June 1, 1944.

Velletri was in shambles. Dead Germans, vehicles and dead horses, debris and piles of rubble littered the streets. Our losses had been light compared to the intensity of the battle and the victorious result. Our victory at Velletri enabled our troops to crumble the entire Southern line. The beaten and disorganized enemy began to retreat.

During the night of June 3-4, information was received from Division that the German withdrawal had turned into a complete rout.

As we began our victorious march through the capital city of Rome on the morning of June 5, 1944, the entire population seemed to line the streets. Silent at first and then, cheering lustily and crowding close to see our troops, they combined to give us the traditional Roman ovation.

Our grueling campaign had awarded us a great victory and the liberation of the first axis capital, Rome.

With the pride of battles and the step of veterans, we turned to another task of training. There were still other battles to be fought. There were still other victories to be won before our enemy faced complete dissolution and complete defeat.

When the time came, we would be ready.

(Next Month: Amphibious Assault on the Riviera)

SFC Joe White of Hq Co stocking-up on cigars for the forthcoming "great day."

Major Silverman already practicing for shooting matches.

Lt. Reeves of Hq Co gaining ground as football referee. It's reported he was a standout in the 1888 AM team.

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By WOJG B. DAVILA

Mr. Davila's rifle team turned in a score of 1230 in the NRA shoot. The rifle team had put in an average of three nights a week getting ready. Through forfeitures the team skips the second round and takes on a unit of the 112th Cavalry for the league championship. Team members are Mr. Davila, SFC Reynaldo Rodriguez, 1st Sgt. Carlos Gonzales, SFC Steve Litman, Jr., and Cpl. Jose Campos. Runner-up for team membership was SFC Jose Gonzales.

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The new oil and gas shed is out of the planning stage, as bids for material have been received for it and the new doors to accommodate the M47s.

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New Recruit: Adolfo Rodriguez. Seventeen to go for full strength.

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Reupping since last Rabbit Twister is Cpl. Hector Zapata.

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New tanker, (class of '70): A boy for Cpl. and Mrs. Jose Campos.

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School days: Sgt. Leonel Benavides has graduated from the Armor Automotive Supervisor Course, arriving back after Federal Inspection, and just in time to get in the first licks on the M47s.

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Major Carrigo gleefully reporting that he had pulled another fast one on Captain Trust. But how long will the Major's luck hold out?

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Cpl. Alfredo Tijerina reports it is cold at Fort Benning where he is taking a Radio Repairman's Course. Oh, for sunny Laredo.

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Ex-Co Clerk Stuart Keller, known as "Juan Pablo Keller", who went back to Yankee-land and joined the New York National Guard postcarding weekly and yearning for Laredo and the Tank Co.

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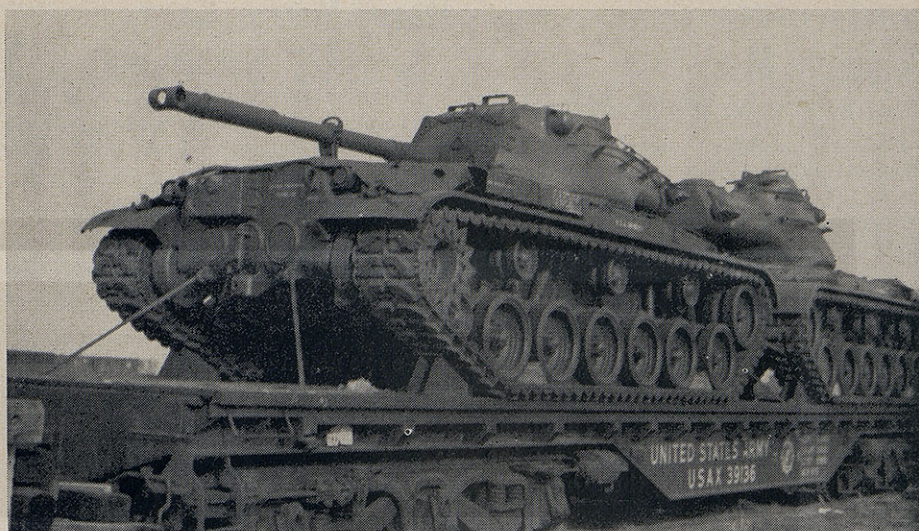
Best wishes for the New Year from the Tankers.



Major Wilson, S-4, changing diapers on new baby boy.

Colonel Puck keeping the needle completely mangled during his recent typhoid shot.

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NEW M-47 (Patton) Arrives in Laredo for Tank Company.

The Chaplain's Corner

By CHAP HOPKINS

"POSITIONIZE YOURSELF"

When one becomes a Christian the first thing he ought to do is to establish his new position with his friends and business associates. He needs to humbly but unequivocally make known his religious and moral position; and thus remove all question for future action.

A new Christian should let his neighbors know where he stands as a Christian—that he goes to church, doesn't drink, profanity is not pleasing—and other such earmarks that distinguish a Christian.

On his job he ought to let the people know, and from that day on he will be positionized, and thereby be strengthened to live a Christian life.

He should make it a habit of doing or saying something to let everyone know that he is a Christian.

As a Christian moves among the people of the world, it is not nearly so important that they know him as a mechanic, a lawyer, a farmer or a merchant, but it is exceedingly significant



Co E

By WOJG TAYLOR

We want to welcome the new members to this company, who are Sgt. Terrill, Cpl. O'Kelley, Pvt. Cano, Pvt. Casimir, Pvt. Cavazos and Pvt. Evans. Many more are ready to join as soon as they get their physical.

We are happy to have the new Sergeants who were promoted from Cpl. the 7th Dec 53. They are Sgt. Caldwell, Sgt. Fitzsimmons and Sgt. Buckley.

Old-Timer News

By SGT. "SNITZ"

Hardly a month goes by that letters from old-timers are received requesting information about the grey-mare regiment.

A typical example is the letter received from Charles Marchluk of 409 Christopher Ave., Brooklyn 12, New York. His letter states in part:

"Thanks for the help that you have rendered me in supplying information on my old bunch (141st) as it was just what I was looking for I would be grateful for any and all the information you can send me on the 141st. For you see I was with F Company in Italy and France for about 18 months or so."

We welcome letters such as that from Mr. Marchluk and always try to publish them. THE TEXAS GUARDSMAN has a wide publication and home reader will remember Charlie.



Hq Co, 3d Bn

By M/SGT. W. E. BARON

With the IG inspection behind us we were all able to enjoy our Christmas holidays as a person should. Everyone had a very nice holiday season and in the best of spirit. Had very good attendance at drill during the Christmas week with no one having any complaints.

Have enlisted three more recruits, bringing the total of EM to 49. Enlisting them and discharging others does not increase the total any. We hope to have our strength to 60 EM by camp time. We have a few good prospects and with a good recruit drive, both companies should build up to 70% strength.

... Twister Company M

By SFC W. E. HOLZAPFEL

Federal inspection on Co M, Cuero National Guardsmen was conducted Wednesday evening, December 19, 1953, at the armory by Lt. Col. Jack Davis out of the Inspector's Office, Fort Sam Houston.

Co M held its annual Christmas party at the Armory Wednesday, December 23 following drill, with wives and guests of the Guardsmen being present.

Each member brought a toy and the gifts, after being played with by the men, were turned over to the "Cross the Ransus Fund."

Current enlistments are Francis F. Kulawik, Julius Laberl, and Robert D. Vargas. Cpl. Harold H. Loewe transferred from Btry C 649 AAA and Pvt. Dalton L. Thurk transferred from Hq Btry, 36th Div Arty.

The final tribute that can be rendered to a man who has served his country in past years is that the flag of his country and that men wearing the uniform of their country be present at the time of his burial. Such was the tribute given Mr. A. J. Phillips in Cuero, Texas, on November 22, 1953, at the funeral home and at the cemetery by the color guard of Co M composed of SFC Davis Hensley, SFC Charles Thamm, SFC William Holzappel and Sgt. Clifton Bean.

Co M's rifle team of SFC Lee Kuecker, SFC E. C. Brown, Pfc. Luther Boysen, Pfc. James Dieringer, and Pfc. Michael Sturm fired in the NRA rifle match of the division on Nov. 21, 1953, on the indoor range at Co M.

Recent promotions in Co M were: Davis M. Hensley from SFC to M/Sgt., Harold H. Holzappel from Sgt. to SFC.; Albert J. Hahn from Pfc. to Cpl.; and Rudolph Sanchez from Pfc. to Cpl. Those promoted from Pvt. to Pfc. were: Tony Carrisalez Jr., Walter Copenhaver Jr., John Cuellar Jr., William J. Dieringer, Hilbert J. Hahn and Carol E. Markowsky. Sterling W. Kuecker was promoted from Pvt. to Pvt. E2. Effective date of these promotions was 23 November, 1953.

The Signal section of Co M attained a rating of 100% in the Signal Inspection held at the Armory on Nov. 25. This fine showing was made possible through the efforts of the Signal section of Cpl. Rudolph Sanchez, Pfc. Tony Carrisalez Jr., Pfc. Walter Copenhaver Jr., and Pvt. Billy J. White.

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Heavy Mortar Co

By WOJG L. HEIRMAN

Congratulations to the following men on their promotions: Sfc. Jose Alvarado and Clifton Hannes and Sgt. Alex Moncado.

Wish to welcome the following men who have enlisted in the last month: Pvts. Tony Alvarez, Refugio Leal, Ernest Losoya, Indalecio Quiroga, and Jose Vara.

We are glad to see so many of our old-timers re-enlisting and hope that it continues. The following NCO's have all re-enlisted within the last month: Sgts. Pedro Alcozer, Paul Marbach, R. J. Marbach, Jr., Jose Ramirez and John Wentz, and Cpl. George Cameron.

Heavy Mortar Co is swinging back into high gear after the holidays, everyone seems normal and no after effects showing. In the past month we have had three inspections and another due on the 18th, after that we can start looking forward to the weekend drills and summer camp.

Wish to welcome Indalecio Quiroga who joined the unit on 1st Dec, just in time for Federal Inspection held on the 4th.

Adios to Sgt. Clifton C. Hannes and R. J. Marbach who have been transferred to Hq & Hq Co. We are losing two good men but we have the satisfaction of knowing that they are still in the regiment. Also goodbye and good luck to Pvts. Jimmy Palacios and Jesus Garcia who have joined the Marines.

Company I

By LT. R. A. REYNOLDS

Old "Black I" Co had 100% attendance for the annual Federal Inspection 11 Dec 53. We are all keeping our fingers crossed and hope for the best. Colonel Smith, the inspector, allowed the company to have their inspection from 1730 to 1930 so the men would have time to go to San Marcos to watch the Luling Eagles beat Cedar Bayou. It was misting rain all through the inspection so all training had to be given inside.

Co I and the 3rd Bn are now set up in their new building and wish to extend an open invitation to members of the 141st to drop by anytime for a visit and to inspect the "Conference Room."

Lt. Whitley has returned from the "Benning School for Boys" with the school solution in hand. Cpl. John J. Shuler has applied for the summer Officer Candidate Course, Ft. Riley, Kan.

News Briefs

Sgt. Eleazar R. Medina, Co F. to attend Advanced NCO course at Benning. Also attending the same course is M/Sgt. Reymundo Carrillo of Co H.

Capt. Warren P. McKenney, former Asst S-3, 141st Infantry, transferred recently to JAG section, Hqs 36th Div.

Lts. Spear and Scribner of Tk Co, and Wilder of Hq Co will attend the Basic Course at the Inf School in February.

SFC Joe B. Sosebee, Jr., appointed 2nd Lt, Plat Ldr in Co E.

Second Lt. Thomas P. Sampson, formerly of Hq Co 2nd Bn, now an Avo O in Div Hq.

"WOE-JOES" Witta, Milam, Owen, Tobin, Gandre, recently promoted to "Chiefs".

SFC Milton J. Turk, Jr., is a new 2nd Lt. in Hq Co 3rd Bn.

Hundred inquiries for address of DAWN MOODY, 141st Sweetheart. Address unknown.

Regimental & Bn staff getting ready for giant 141 CPX (Scramble No. 2) in March.

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Camp Gordon, Ga., Home of the Provost Marshal General's School

... By ...
SAMUEL F. REAVES, Editor
The Texas Guardsman

Criminal Investigation Courses At PMGS

Mention the words CID in any foreign country where our troops have been stationed and you will receive mixed reaction. Not because of the language barrier, the letters are well understood. The honest man will break into a big grin and say, "Detective . . . good," the criminal will swivel his head attempting to look in all directions at once, while an expression of fear comes over his face.

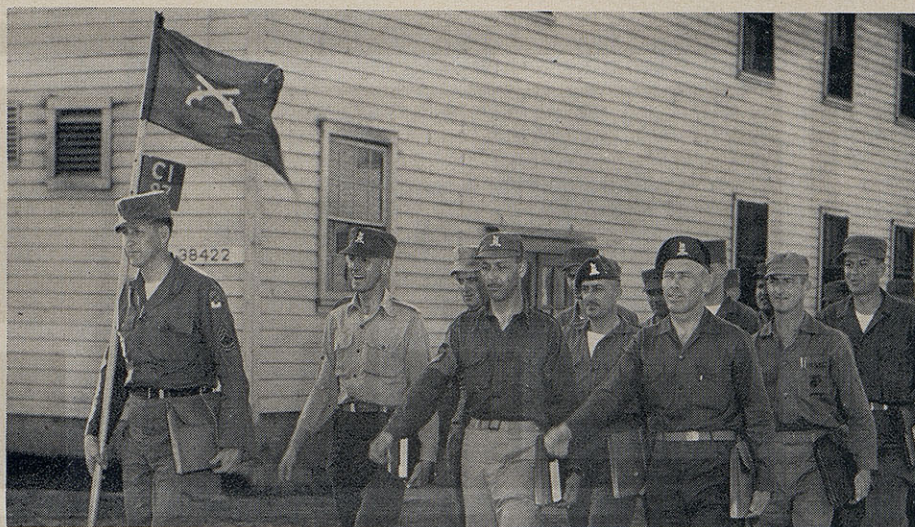
The men and women of our armed forces react in much the same manner, some recalling that were it not for the CID, they would stand falsely accused of a crime. However, if you asked them what the mission of the organization was, few could tell you, because, few understand the workings or personnel selection of the group.

The Military Police Corps is the police force of the army. Just as it has its military patrolmen, traffic records and files sections, it has a criminal investigation section. This unit is an integral part of the MPC, having specialized highly trained military policemen who are charged with the investigation of serious crimes in the Department of the Army. Their cases include murder, rape, arson, burglary, robbery and frauds to mention a few. The men assigned to this work are generally military policemen who have worked in various police sections and have shown an aptitude for investigative work.

After selection they are sent to The Provost Marshal General's School at Camp Gordon, Georgia, where they undergo an intensive nine weeks course in criminal investigation.

First organized as the Scientific Investigations Laboratory, a section of the Provost Marshal General's School at Camp Bullis, Texas, in 1945, the Army's crime laboratory has remained with the school, now designated as The Provost Marshal General's School, on its move to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and subsequently to Camp Gordon, Georgia. The laboratory is now designated as the 8801-5 Technical Service Unit, Criminal Investigation Laboratory, a Class II In-

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ARMED FORCES UNIFICATION is exemplified at The Provost Marshal General's School which trains students from all branches of the service and several allied countries. Marching to class are men representing the U. S. Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and the Canadian Provost Corps.

stallation under the operational control of The Provost Marshal General.

The mission of the Criminal Investigation Laboratory is to perform tests and analyses in connection with criminal investigations, give expert testimony concerning these examinations before boards of investigation and courts-martial, train personnel in the various technical skills necessary in police laboratory work, and to furnish scientific investigative assistance to law enforcement and intelligence agencies throughout the military establishment.

The laboratory is composed of an administrative section and the several technical sections each of which is under the direction of a court-qualified expert technician. These sections examine evidence of various classes and following is a brief description of each:

FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SECTION: This section is equipped to handle all phases of firearms identification which includes tests relative to the functioning of firearms, determination as to whether a firearm has been recently fired, and the identification of bullets and cartridge cases fired from suspect weapons. Proximity tests are also made to determine the distance from which a bullet has been fired.

PHYSIOCHEMICAL SECTION: This sec-

tion conducts examinations of alleged narcotic substances, marijuana, soils, blood and body fluids, petroleum products, and other materials. An X-ray diffraction unit, a 1.5 meter grating spectrograph, and a spectrophotometer are available for analytical problems.

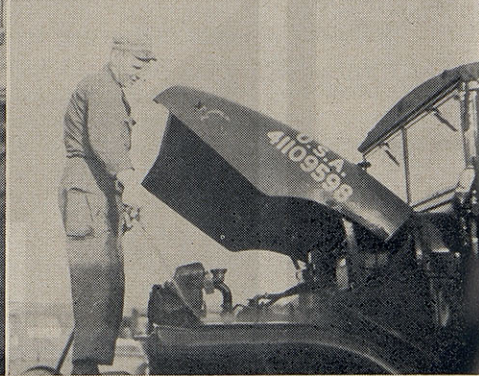
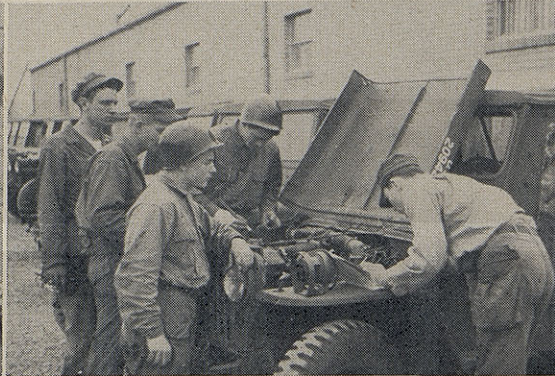
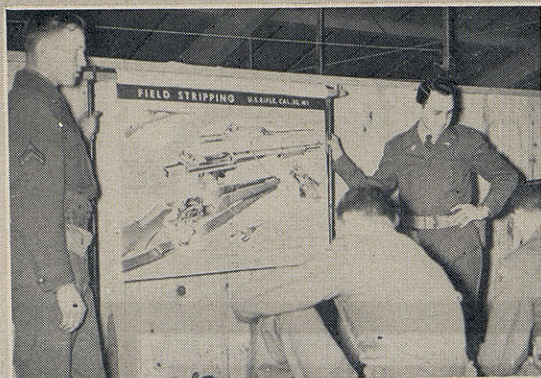
QUESTIONED DOCUMENT SECTION: This section deals with the comparison of handwriting, handprinting, typewriting, erasures, alterations, eradications and other questions, relating to documentary evidence.

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION: This section handles all types of photography needed in the criminal investigation field. This includes ultra-violet and infra-red photography, photomicrography, color and motion photography.

MICROANALYTICAL SECTION: Personnel of this section examine evidence which requires detailed microscopic tests. Hair, fibers, paint particles, glass fragments, and dust particles fall into this category.

FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SECTION: This section works all phases of fingerprint identifications, including examination and comparison of latent prints, and the printing and identification of cadavers.

The laboratory is capable of performing all tests required to establish identification of substances and materials of investigators in criminal cases.



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142nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

LT. JOE A. BAILEY
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CLASS WORK . . . Paper work . . . and New Recruits. The Guard this year had more of all of them than ever before. Recruiting percentages ran higher than even pre-war averages and it's still going strong.

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INSTRUCTION OUTSIDE . . . Instruction inside . . . Maintenance. Hundreds of new vehicles kept Guardsmen on their toes getting the latest poop into action. Guardsmen not only learned the army way but learned the latest in mechanical advancement and methods that were adapted to civilian life in many cases.

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AND EVERYONE has to eat . . . But eating requires work before serving . . . Serving makes everyone smile until . . . The clean-up time arrives . . . And there's always one who also serves who only sits and scrubs.

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TO TOP IT OFF and make the progress known there's Federal Inspection. It has been a full year.

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THIS MONTH meet **Sgt. Charles Davis**, recent addition to Hq & Hq Co as Administrative Assistant. Sgt. Davis is an alert young man as you can tell by this picture and his work with the company has already proved his ability. He is married and a resident of Amarillo.

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Our pin-up this month is **Miss Jane King**, a junior student at **West Texas State College in Canyon**. Nineteen years old and 5', 7", we were unable to get other vital information.

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THREE HARD-WORKING gentlemen of Regimental Headquarters are, left to right: **Clovis McDonald** of the 155th F.A. Major **Wayne Taylor**, Regimental S-3, and Lt. **James O. Harris** of the 132d F.A.

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Service Company Gets Award For Outstanding Civic Service

Trail Dust

By JOE A. BAILEY

You don't realize what a change five months can make until you return. But I'm happy to see that nearly every change as far as the Guard and the 142d is concerned has definitely been for the better.

For example recruiting. 1953 was a record year. The biggest ever, in fact. At no time in Guard history has the national average been as high in men per unit. During the depression years (when the pay was \$1 per drill regardless of rank) Guard units had full ranks but the size of units was considerably smaller.

But now when we have reports from companies like Hq and Hq Co in Amarillo, who have enlistments running seven times higher than in '52 and rapidly approaching authorized strength, the situation is really encouraging.

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The facts are even more important when you remember that these are times when draft laws may possibly be lax and reduction in armed forces are positive.

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What is causing the upswing in enlistments? Prospects of UMT? Returning Korean veterans? Partly perhaps, but we like to think that it is because the units are learning the value of the public relations man's theme . . . Do good and let others know about it.

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But the Hq and Hq Co is not the only progressive unit in the 142d during 1953. We particularly were impressed by the opening of the **Brownwood National Guard Club** in March with 150 people attending the opening. The club is the most unique in the regiment and well supported by the Brownwood members.

In an informal ceremony at the Amarillo National Guard Armory, the Service Company of the 142d Infantry Regiment of the Texas National Guard was presented an award by the Amarillo Community Chest for their outstanding civic service.

The award was made for the company's participation in collections for the Chest drive. Men and drivers with vehicles were provided to assist the Boy Scouts of the city who made house to house requests for contributions.

Captain **Jack V. Hawkins**, Service Company commander accepted the award which was made by Colonel **Everett S. Simpson**, 142d commander. The plaque was signed by **T. W. Gilstrap** and **Lee T. Bivins**, president and vice-president of the Amarillo Community Chest.

From the general news point, however, we still don't feel that all of our units were adequately covered. That was one reason why your editor went to service school and it is the reason that beginning January 1, and for the first time, a complete Public Information Program was set up and put in motion. By the time you read this the plan will be in operation—working for your unit and in turn for yourself.

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The past year has taught us that like all good activities good planning is the essential part. Before we sort of haphazardly had a goal but now we have a definite plan that should produce concrete results.

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Our theme this year is . . .

"The National Guard is a Community Service."

Which coupled with the general theme of the National Guard:

"Keep Your GUARD Up"

can help promote us into the thoughts and appreciation of the whole nation . . . and more important *your* community.

Developing Good Press Relations

Informal Discussions on Public Relations—No. 1 in a Series

By 2ND LT. JOE. A. BAILEY

Do civilian newspapers appreciate The National Guard?

That's been a pretty burning question with members of several Panhandle units the last few weeks. The question started because of a lack of well-deserved publicity in the local papers.

Now, boys, before we tar and feather the editor of the local scandal sheet, let's sit down and see if we can't figure out what might be the matter when local or even national recognition seems to let the Guard down or kick it in the teeth.

The old saying about women fits the newspapers, too . . . you can't live with 'em or without 'em. And sometimes it becomes mighty hard to keep peace with them. But you may as well face the facts, they *always* have the upper hand. It doesn't do a bit of good to write a hot letter to an editor who throws it in the wastebasket. The same guy won't talk to you on the phone. So about all hasty measures do is to let you blow off steam. If the steam is pretty hot and heavy your goose is probably parboiled as far as the press is concerned. So before we lay the editor out in lavender, let's try using our Army background and pre-plan our moves.

FIRST, we had better consider. Just how important was what we did that we failed to get credit for? Did others, who did the same thing, get credit? Was our contribution really big or little by comparison? In other words, was what we did really newsworthy?

SECOND, how have *previous* Guard news events been handled? Did the Guard get justified credit before? Has the paper's previous policy been to favor or disfavor Guard activities?

THIRD, *plan* your action carefully. In place of hot letters, simmer down a few days, then CALMLY go have a talk with the editor — straight from the shoulder and man to man. Tell him your complaint and ask what YOU are doing wrong that creates the situation. Chances are if there is something wrong he will tell you. If not, he will explain why the incident occurred. It is possible that the editor does not know the situation at all and will do his best to correct any misunderstandings. He's a reasonable man who has had to deal with a great many situations much like yours and he will respect you for your giving

him a chance to state his side.

Of course, there are editors who are not reasonable and who may generally dislike the Guard. This is an unfortunate situation, but therein lies a challenge for you to improve your press relations.

Improving Press Relations

Too often we consider press relations from a one-sided viewpoint. The old idea of "Here we are . . . we're news . . . why don't you appreciate us?" is not true. Certainly a newspaper wants news. They want features, oddities, and like all of us they want to make money. You have to consider that latter part. After all a paper makes its money by printing what the people want to read, which, in turn, builds circulation. Now, consider, the Guard represents a very minor segment of the community, usually less than 1% of the population, much less than that of the community wealth, and although we hesitate to think so, quite often very little community interest. You can prove these statements by considering the Guard with other community "service" organizations such as the schools, police department or fire department. We all are organizations which are generally considered only when we are needed. As a result, newspapers often take the position that they, rather than we, are doing the favor when they run Guard news. They are interested in what they think their readers are interested in and they often seriously question the interest of the Guard.

Sounds pretty gloomy, doesn't it? But, here is where most press relations begin. Base your plan on three points and I believe you can make a success of it: 1. *Build Interest*. 2. *Build Confidence*. 3. *Follow Through*.

1. BUILDING INTEREST. Have you ever had your local editor out to a Guard drill? Or a Guard party? Does he really know what is going on at the Armory? If you answer "no", then how can you expect him to be as enthusiastic as you are? Do you let the paper "in" on forthcoming Guard activities long enough in advance to let them plan for coverage . . . to let them get interested in the project? Do you plan activities or do they just happen? Are you and your men really interested in the Guard yourselves? Are the news items you turn in

of interest to the general public? If Pfc. John Doe is promoted, is there some twist that makes a routine story a real interest getter . . . Maybe he broke his leg, but still maintain 100% attendance to get that stripe. Remember, most people consider the Armed Forces pretty dull in peacetime, so why are we different? If I wear brass with blue plastic shield, and Jones wears red. why? What makes him different? All of this creates interest and that's exactly what a newspaper wants.

2. BUILD CONFIDENCE. Who would you follow into battle, a guy who got Maggie's drawers everytime he shot on the range, or the fellow who always made a bull's eye? Then who's story would you print, if you were the editor, the guy who gave complete, reliable, facts, hot news, and interesting copy every time or the fellow who sometimes turned in a story that was news, that contained the last, but not the first, names, run-of-the-mill stuff without much to say for it or against it? Of course you'd take the first man because you could place your confidence in what he said, when he said it, and the value of the story. We must strive to be reliable, correct, complete, and on time with our news.

3. FOLLOW THROUGH. What is it they say . . . the best laid plans of mice and men often go asunder? But a good press relations program must not go asunder. Set up a plan, either written or in your mind, and stick with it. If you are going to let the paper know about one party, then let them know about all parties. Even if they don't print *everything* you give them, the percentage will be higher and the co-operation far greater, if you have a steady stream of material flowing to the paper. If there is something you feel *must* be printed, you can tell them or mark it, and chances are they will co-operate.

And don't forget gratitude. Making the editor an honorary member of the Guard may not seem like much, but flattery *will* get you somewhere. There's no one in the world that doesn't like to be told he is appreciated. If you invite editors or others on the staff of the local paper to a party, they may not attend, but don't think they don't appreciate being personally asked. Or, perhaps, just a note, now and then, on official stationery, telling how you appreciate their co-operation, should be the least you do. Surprisingly enough, even when you are getting poor co-operation, a letter of appreciation can sometimes meet immediate increase in Guard coverage.

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Don't try to bite off more than you can do. And in the same vein, don't try to do more than you can do well. Poor publicity is far worse than none at all. That doesn't mean that you don't turn in a news item just because you can't write a good news story. But it does mean that the paper would rather have just the facts and one of their men do the writing than a scramble that will take twice as long to re-write.

If possible, the public relations of a unit should be handled by someone who knows something about newspapers and Army regulations covering news. At least someone who has enthusiasm for the job should be assigned the task (but don't let his enthusiasm overtake reality).

Two manuals that will be of help are the *Public Information Officer's Handbook* and *The Armed Forces Newspaper Editor's Guide*. *The New Outline Survey of Journalism* is a civilian publication that can be of use.

Amarillo Unit Receives Thanks

In a letter from Brig. Gen. Walter R. Agee, commander of Amarillo Air Force Base, the Hq and Hq Co received sincere appreciation from a sister service.

The letter reads as follows:

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of Hq and Hq Co for their active aid in the recent search and effective rescue of Captain Ray W. Henderson of Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, who parachuted from his stricken jet aircraft on the afternoon of December 2, 1953. Colonel Eugene B. Fletcher, Commander of Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, asked that I also express his thanks to you.

"There is much satisfaction and gratification in knowing that the National Guard is forever diligent in rising to emergencies of any nature. I wish to extend to you and the members of your organization a sincere vote of thanks for another act that binds the Regular Air Force and the National Guard of the United States together."

The Amarillo unit was called out during a cold winter afternoon to conduct the search which lasted for several hours.

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143rd Infantry News



1954 Camp Plans Are Underway

The Adjutant General recently announced that the 143d Infantry, as part of the 36th Infantry Division, would attend camp in 1954 at North Fort Hood, Texas, from June 13th through June 27th.

The Divisional Training Program has been released to the Regimental Staff for preparation of detailed schedules and some interesting changes have appeared in the 1954 edition of this most important training phase of *The Guardsman*.

First of all, Division has issued instructions for testing of all candidates for the Expert Infantryman Badge. All of the tests except the Bayonet Assault Course will be completed at home station. You will also be interested in knowing that the troops will witness a firing demonstration of a Rifle Platoon during the second week in the field. Included in the demonstration will be the fire power of a war-strength rifle platoon.

Not to be overlooked is the move to the field which will begin this year on the mid-Sunday afternoon, rather than the second Monday morning as has been the custom in the past. The Division moves to the field on Sunday, June 20, and returns to the base camp at North Fort Hood on the afternoon of Friday, June 25th. While in the field, the units will live and train in a bivouac of a type to employ maximum tactical conditions. If you are a sleep walker, you're in for real trouble—there will be foxholes and gun emplacements throughout the area, challenging sentries and maybe even charging AGRESSOR troops.

We will have a minimum of eight hours night training in noise and light discipline, infiltration and those other activities which make you happy to see the sun come up, even if it is 4 ayemish.

The way it "rumors" now, there will be no shortage of small arms for known distance and field firing, however the heavy calibers will be in extremely short

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The NEW YEAR ahead will be a challenging one. Russia's internal unrest has the dictators worried; enslaved people behind the Iron Curtain are openly defying their oppressors.

We must be alert—continue to arm. We must be economical, watch our finances, eliminate all unnecessary government spending, in order to stay solvent.

Should you have a problem Federal in nature, please write me. I welcome the opportunity to assist you.

God's blessing upon you and yours.

Sincerely,

Albert Thomas

supply. The same situation exists in demolition supplies.

One new approach to the training this year has been announced by Colonel David M. Frazier, the Regimental Commander. All tactical training (except Training Tests) for the Heavy Weapons Companies will be conducted for the regiment by one battalion; while another battalion trains the rifle platoons except for their Training Tests. The other battalion will train all Battalion Headquarters Companies (except Comm Plat) in tactical training and the Weapons Platoons of the Rifle Companies. In this manner the classes will be of a size to encourage better preparation by Instructors, less dual effort on instruction and more adequate training areas. This also places added responsibility on the Instructors, since the grade received on the instruction will be applicable to all units participating, whether or not they had part in preparation and presentation of the instruction.

The completed training schedules will be in the hands of the units within the next sixty days. In the meantime necessary information is being imparted to interested headquarters and units so that maximum concurrent planning is effected.

League C NRA Rifle Tournament Nears Finals

This month brings to a climax the many months of "popping caps" for the units entered in the National Rifle Association Indoor Tournament. League C has completed the semifinals and the two finalists are winding up for the final round.

The semifinals brought together the State Hq and State Hq Det of Austin against Hq Co, 2d Bn, 112th Armd Cav of Pecos, with the latter team winning by a scant 83 points.

The winners of League C compete with other League winners for the State Championship, then it goes to Fourth Army level.

No matter who wins, each contestant has benefitted from his participation and not only improves his score, but becomes a better qualified instructor in Small Bore Shooting. After all, that's the objective of the Guard—be ready to shoot when necessary.

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Annual Armory Inspections Over

Reports received from Headquarters Fourth Army Inspector General's Department at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, reveal that all units in the regiment have been recommended for continued Federal Recognition. Leading the units for top honors was Hq Co, 1st Bn at Palestine with a rating of Superior. The only other Superior Rating was Regimental Headquarters, who have been so rated annually for several years.

The units rating Excellent were Tank Company of Marlin, Company H in Beaumont, Hq Co 2d Bn in Houston and Company M in Waco. All other units were rated Satisfactory. Many of them would have been rated Excellent or

better but according to the remarks of the Inspector General in the report, the unit strength was not sufficient to justify an over-all rating of better than Satisfactory.

All units were rated Excellent in Administration and Organization, and only one violation of supply economy (corrected by now) was reported.

All in all, the reports show that the units are still raising their performance standards and shooting for the top. In not too far distant it looks like a Satisfactory Rating will then be as uncommon as is a Superior Rating this year.

Just like football in the Southwestern Conference — "Just wait until next year!"

News From Regtl Hq

By WOJG MILLER

Now that Annual Armory Inspection completed the Regimental Staff is very busy all in a huddle, making plans for Field Training 1954.

If units of this Regiment think they made a good Annual Armory Inspection Report, you should ask someone from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion. They made a Superior. That is something for everyone to shoot at. I have had many questions asked about the deactivation of Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, Palestine, Texas. The whole story on the great move was simply the unit was moved from Palestine, Texas to College Station, Texas. Personnel in the Hq Co was transferred to Company C, and new personnel were recruited for the company at College Station, Texas. Hq Co was commanded by Capt. Theodore S. Maffitt Jr., effective 10 January. Capt. Maffitt was transferred as the new Regimental Adjutant, and Capt. (Barney) Welch would assume command of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion. Stolen Pun: One of the "Mad Majors" says that the Adjutant is pretty cocky about his final grade of Superior as a unit commander, but he's stepping up to a Headquarters where Superior is the only acceptable standard, not an oddity. We hope he likes his new assignment. It's nothing new, as he has served as Regimental Adjutant twice before on an acting basis. Now with that as his prime duty, it should be a cinch for him.

Recently returned from the Adjutant General's School's Stenographer Course

is Sergeant Charbula. Glad to have you back after three months at school. I understand that Uncle Sam wants him in another year, of course after graduating from the Clerk's School, Camp Chaffee, Ark., and The Adjutant General's School Stenographer Course. Anybody knows a good Administrative Specialist.

Visitor over the holidays was Sgt. Curtis W. Nettles, Sgt. Instructor now in attendance at the Adv Clerks Course at The Adjutant General's School.

Hats off to Captain Kader and Sgt. Denmark, Co E, Baytown, Texas, for the swell job they are doing getting Co E on it's feet. Reading a newspaper article, I see that Co E is to get a new Armory built at Baytown. The unit now is located in an old garage. When it rains, as it does a lot in Baytown, the water runs across the floor like a creek, the roof leaks, and the personnel go "scuttering" to move the equipment from under new leaks. I think they ran out of buckets, pans and cans. The core tests have already been taken for the new armory, and the Baytown Chamber of Commerce has donated a five-acre tract of land to the NG for the building of the new Armory, and they have about 15 acres of ground that can be utilized for drilling and training purposes. Hope they get it built soon, as I know Captain Kader and the company would like to move in.

News From the Rebel Company, Co H

After a brief visit to Yankeeland (Ft. Harrison, Ind.), the author is glad to be back in the sunny South. Seriously speaking the Unit Administrator Course at Ft. Harrison is an excellent service school well worth the time, effort and money required to pass the course. Approximately four-fifths of the last class were National Guardsmen from all over the country. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate CWO Albert L. Crosby, of the Florida National Guard, and WOJG Winfred P. Dougherty, late of the Ohio National Guard, now in regular service. One of these two gentlemen was top men on the totem pole when the final gong was sounded. At the time of my departure, they were running neck and neck in grades.

Many re-enlistments and extensions of enlistments were chalked up by the Rebel Company within the past several months. The lead-off man was, as should be, the First Sergeant, Albert Lee Quesenberry. Lee, with 16 years service already under his belt, reenlisted for another three. M/Sgt. Frank A. Short, Jr., Platoon Sergeant of Company H's crack 105 MM Recoiless Rifle Platoon, reenlisted for another hitch. SFC Cicero Cassidy, Supply Sergeant, decided on shipping over in the Guard. SFC Cassidy's Supply Room rated the following remark from the IG report for this year: "The Supply Room was a model of neatness and cleanliness." Others re-enlisting or extending their enlistments were: SFC John F. Baker, Section Leader in the Machine Gun Platoon, SFC Leonard J. Richmond, Platoon Sergeant 81 MM Mortar Platoon, Sgt. Ronald E. Collins, Motor Sergeant, Sgt. Donald Pace, Section Leader of the 81 MM Mortar Platoon, Cpl. Lester E. Cammack, Motor Section, and Pfc. Courtlon D. Riveete, Machine Gun Platoon.

If anyone should wonder why Capt. Selman is all smiles maybe it is because Company H came in for another "Excellent" on the Annual Armory IG Inspection. This makes it two in a row for Capt. Selman's administration.

Keep Your Guard Up



Division Artillery

136th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Bn (SP)

By WO DAYTON B. MURRAY

Fort Bliss, Texas

Recruiting

Unit Administrators have carried the recruiting drive to the Separation Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, in an attempt to recruit men who are being released from active duty. It looks like a good contest is in progress between the five batteries in the 136th AAA AW BN (SP), TNG. A large number of officers that have recently been released from active duty and transferred to Reserve Units in the El Paso area are flooding the Battalion Headquarters inquiring about joining the local Guard Unit. A large number of the officers are AAA officers and have served with the forces in Korea.

The recruiting drive will continue every day until the deadline for the Summer Encampment. The Commanding Officer of the 136th AAA AW BN (SP), TNG, states that we will go to camp with one of the largest groups that I have ever seen since I have been the Unit's Commander.

Colors

Col. R. Henry Holman, Commanding Officer of the unit brightened up his office this month when he added the Texas Flag to the colors in his office. The material was secured and one of the fine women made the flag for the unit. Members of the unit admired the large flag when they saw it being placed in the unit commander's office.



ASSAULT PLANS. March of Dimes Drill—Captain Leverett C. Hamilton, Bn ExO; Major Albert C. O'Leary, Bn S-3; Captain David H. Elliott, CO Baker Btry. discuss plans for March of Dimes Drive Jan. 28.

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A WORTHWHILE TARGET, GET OUT THE VOTES—Col. R. Henry Holman, CO 136th AAA AW Bn, leads over 275 El Paso Guardsmen "to the Poll Tax collector." Captain Alvin Wood, Hq Btry CO, M/Sgt. Cabrales and SFC Flores, Btry D, pay up. Members of the Pilot Club, Deputy Tax Collectors, are, left to right: Mrs. Julia Johnson, Mrs. J. C. Nelson, Mrs. Byron H. Cannon, and Mrs. A. L. Gottleib, all of El Paso.

GUARDSMEN BOOST NUMBER OF POLL TAXES SOLD IN EL PASO COUNTY

In Memoriam

Members of the 136th AAA AW BN (SP), TNG, paid their last respects to Second Lieutenant Clarence O'Hagen, a former member of the unit on Monday, January 4, 1954. He was buried in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Lieutenant O'Hagen was killed in an automobile accident near Hot Springs, New Mexico. Lieutenant O'Hagen was appointed Warrant Officer Junior Grade in the Texas National Guard while he was Unit Administrator for Battery C, 136th AAA AW BN (SP), TNG. He later transferred to Headquarters 36th Division Artillery where he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in Artillery.

El Paso's own National Guard Unit helped swell the number of Poll Taxes sold in El Paso County during January when officers and men bought more than 275 poll taxes from the Pilot Club members who visited their headquarters Monday, January 11.

Known officially to the 136th AAA AW BN (SP) as "Secure Your Poll Tax Day," January 11th saw booths set up in the Battalion Headquarters where Pilot Club members, headed by Mrs. J. C. Nelson, Mrs. Julia Johnson, Mrs. Byron H. Cannon, Mrs. A. L. Gottleib and Mrs. Roger F. Moore.

Under state law, National Guardsmen may purchase poll taxes for one dollar. In addition to the 275 estimated poll tax receipts issued the Guardsmen, more than 60 were also issued to the wives of some of the men.

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Texas Air National Guard

Texas Air National Guard Helps Dallas In Its Fight Against Polio

Helping the Dallas County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in its largest annual campaign to date were the Dallas units of the 136th Fighter Bomber Wing.

On Saturday night and Sunday, January 16 and 17, WFAA-TV held its third annual Telethon. So great was the response that the sixty telephones were held open two hours longer than was originally scheduled. In 17½ half hours, more than \$106,000 was collected for the polio fund. A continual crowd of upwards to 2,000 persons witnessed the telethon and contributed money.

On the following night, Monday, January 18, Dallas families opened their hearts and purses to give more than \$100,000 to mothers all over the city in a house-to-house campaign.

Playing an integral part in the Mothers March on Polio were Hq 136th Fighter Bomber Wing, Hq 136th Air Base Group, the 136th Air Police Squadron and the 136th Medical Group. The activities were covered by WFAA-TV and KRLD-TV as well as the Texas News.

Thirteen ANG vehicles, each with armed crews of three to four men, collected more than \$30,000 from forty of the Dallas high school. These schools acted as collection spots for the money contributed to the mothers canvassing the neighborhoods. The ANG crews, in addition to collecting the money and delivering it to the Republic National Bank also acted as protection escorts for the mothers.

The scheduling of the patrols was under the joint supervision of Captain William F. Woodworth, Commander of the 136th Air Force Squadron, and Major Hassell Davis, Commander of the 136th Headquarters Squadron.

Also on hand to assist at the bank were Col. Francis K. McGinnis, Commander of the 136th Air Base Group, and Lt. James M. Rose, 136th Wing Adjutant.

In all, more than \$350,000 was collected in behalf of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

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GENERAL NATHAN TWINNING, USAF Chief of Staff, passing between rows of Southern Methodist University's ROTC Honor Guard to enter an ANG vehicle at Love Field. M/Sgt. W. J. Laine, far right, served as driver for General Twining during his stay in Dallas.

In Memoriam

MAJOR GENERAL EARL T. RICKS
Deputy Chief, National Guard Bureau
Chief, Air Division, National Guard Bureau

A citizen-soldier who died in the service of his country.

Those of us who knew him best realize most fully the tremendous loss to the Air National Guard and to the Nation which results from his death. A man of vision and foresight, he created from scanty material the great weapon which is the Air National Guard today. He worked untiringly for whatever he thought would best benefit the Air National Guard.

His world centered around his pilots, and he worked to give them better wings

The history of American arms will place his contribution alongside those of the greatest crusaders for American strength and peace.

Smiling, affable, he was loved by all. Shakespeare could have said of him, as well as Brutus:

"His life was gentle . . . and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might look up and say to all the World: 'This was a Man.'"

—JULIUS CAESER

ANG Participates In Airpower Symposium

Through the courtesy of the Dallas Council on World Affairs, the 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing was given free space for a display at the Fair Park Agriculture Building during the recent Airpower Symposium sponsored by the Council. Lt. James M. Rose, Wing Adjutant, and the personnel of the Wing Headquarters worked up an attractive display. The theme of the display was the accomplishments of the Wing and the importance of the Air National Guard. The display consisted of scrolls containing the Wing's historical combat accomplishments, the Texas flag which was carried to Korea and back, a mannequin dressed in full flying regalia, and a J-33 jet engine cut-away.

General Nathan Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, was transported during his stay at the air meet by an ANG vehicle driven by M/Sgt. W. J. Laine of Wing Headquarters.

Houston and Dallas fighter squadrons participated in a formation fly-over at Hensley Field during a static display of equipment at that station which was conducted as a part of the three-day airpower show. Lt. Earl Lively, Wing PIO, demonstrated flying clothing and equipment for a television show covering the event.

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WING ADJUTANT, LT. JIM ROSE, explains Air National Guard organization to S.M.U. ROTC Cadets at Hq 136th Fighter Bomber Wing, Love Field.

A.N.G.U.S. ANGLES

By 1ST LT. EARL W. LIVELY, JR.
Associate Editor for Air

The excellent job done by each member of the several ANG organizations helping out in the March of Dimes drives in Texas deserves a well-earned "well done."

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Lt. Jim Rose, erstwhile head paper boy in the wheel house at Love Field, scored the biggest scoop of the year on the Air Force. When General Twining, boss man of all the Great White Feather's flying people, dropped in for the Airpower show at Dallas, Sgt. Willie Laine of the Headquarters Detachment whisked him away from Love Field in the Wing's Buick while the USAF boys searched vainly for him out at Hensley.

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Where he wasn't. Rose and Laine masterminded the deal, and are they smug!

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Among fighter pilots, the conversation frequently gets around to the subject of who is "hot" and who is "not hot." In discussing some of the "rocks" of the TANG the other day, Captain List told me: "You know, I'll just about put Herb Durham up against any of them." He went on to mention that Herb is right at the top of the list in aerial and ground gunnery, and an all-around smooth pilot. Which has long been my opinion. Since quite a deal of space in the column has been directed in the past at chiding old Herb on any subject, I am only too glad to report this well-deserved praise in his favor. If I may add just one note of personal opinion, it has been my observation that Herbert is possibly the most consistent pilot I ever saw. He is one of the very few people who seem to never make a glaring mistake. One person once remarked of Herb: "I've never seen that guy foul up." And that just about sums it up.

Air National Guard Pilot Sets Speed Record

Colonel Willard W. Milliken, Commander of the 113th Fighter-Bomber Wing, District of Columbia Air National Guard, broke the Los Angeles to New York speed record in an F-86 Sabre January 2d to touch off an ANG recruiting drive. In returning to his home station, he set another record, for the New York to Washington distance.

The recruiting drive, aimed toward getting all possible Air Guard units up to full strength before 1 April 1954, was started throughout the nation immediately following the record-smashing flights.

The purpose of the flight, other than to get the public eye on the Guard as the drive started, was to acquaint the American public with the high degree of proficiency which the Air National Guard maintains.

By filling our Air Units in advance of the end of the current fiscal year, the National Guard can accomplish at air base drills much of the basic training which now must be accomplished during the field training period. This will permit more time to be devoted during field training to actual on-the-job training, which will increase the effectiveness of all units.

The ANG is programmed to attain a strength on 30 June 1954 of 50,700 officers and men. In Texas, approximately 300 additional officers and airmen are needed to attain programmed strength.

Since charity begins at home, I shall herewith and right now give a big plug and slap-on-the-back to my roommate and drinking buddy, "Bleary" McKenzie, for doing such a bang-up job and not banging-up the F-80 he belied in last month. He even pulled the circuit breakers before he touched down.

And old Mac supplied us with an immortal quotation as he dashed away from the aircraft while the turbine still whirled with a loud whine. Firemen charging toward the wreck thought the engine was still running, and one shouted to Mac as they met: "Hey, Lieutenant, go back and shut that thing off!"

Mac came back with a very final and classic reply: "Bull . . . , you shut it off!"

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